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NETHERLANDS DECLARES WAR ON INDONESIA

Dutch Proclaim New Interim Government

The Hague, December 19.
The Netherlands proclaimed a new interim Government for Indonesia yesterday.

The Dutch have contended that the Indonesian Republic in its part of Java and Sumatra is unable to maintain order, and has served notice that the Netherlands must retain a voice in the administration of Republican occupied territory until a stable Government has been established.

In Paris, a spokesman for the United States delegation said the United States may ask for a special meeting of the United Nations Security Council to discuss the Indonesian situation.

Washington dispatches said the Under Secretary of State, Mr. Lovett reviewed the latest developments with the U.S. State Department advisers.

The actual formation of the interim regime will not be possible until some time after January, the Dutch announcement said.

Some observers felt the date was left indefinite because the Dutch did not wish to shut the door on possible participation of the Republic, which controls one third of Indonesia.—Associated Press.

Nationalists Regroup For Important Battle In Central China Area

Nanking, December 19.

Nationalist troops are hastily regrouping for what may be the last important battle in the Central China struggle against the Communists.

Units under several generals are forming a line East and West below the Huai river, the last important natural defence barrier above the Yangtze. The line is only about 60 miles from Nanking.

How many troops can be assembled to make this vital stand is not disclosed but it is believed that practically all available men North of the Yangtze have been called upon.

These are understood to include many without battle experience. An official source said General Li Yon-jen was continuing to withdraw his Sixth Army Group to new positions South of the Huai River. General Li himself will combine forces with the troops under General Sung Hsi-ru, who was stated South West of Lake Hungtze, and General Yang Kuan-chi, who had been stationed along the Pengpu-Pukow railway.

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Three Generalized Nationalist Army Groups in the Anhwei-Kiangsu border region were reported unofficially to be still pinned down and ineffective. The dropping of supplies by air to these forces were continuing. Along the Grand Canal East of Lake Hungtze, the situation was officially reported to be tense. About five independent Communist regiments have been transferred from Yenchang and Fowang in North East Kiangsu and now operating in Kuoyn region about 30 miles from the Yangtze.

Official sources claimed that the Communists have captured a conscription through Kiangsu North of the Yangtze and, under instructions from General Chen Yi, conscripted troops were being formed into a new 12th Army.

Meanwhile, gray cheerless Nanking, capital of China, is strangely calm in the face of impending doom. Although the Red tide from the North is now almost lapping the banks of the Yangtze, the city is going about its business apparently as usual.

An early clash was expected today in the Wuchang area, about 30 miles to the West of Tientsin, as the Communists and Nationalists were reported to be taking up positions there.

Tientsin Airport was placed under military control owing to the proximity of General Lin Piao's Communist troops, according to a Tientsin Garrison Headquarters spokesman who revealed that the Reds were supported by two heavy guns in their attack on the Taping region, about seven miles North East of Tientsin, yesterday morning.

The military authorities also disclosed that Communists appeared at Meichang, off the railway between Peitang and Yangtze railway stations less than 20 miles North West of Tientsin, yesterday.

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Dutch Land Marines On North Coast Of East Java OUT TO SEIZE LEADERS

Batavia, December 19.

The Netherlands declared war on the Indonesian Republic today and Dutch paratroops were striking on the Indonesian capital of Jogjakarta in an attempt to seize Indonesian leaders.

The Dutch Army Headquarters announced today that Dutch airborne troops plummeted into the vicinity of Jogjakarta and Jogjakarta's airfield, Maguwo, eight kilometres East of Jogjakarta, was taken by the paratroops.

The Dutch also announced that Dutch marines, supported by the navy, landed shortly after midnight on the North coast in East Java, West of Surabaya.

The announcement said: "The landing progressed according to plan." The communiqué also said that Dutch troops, advancing from Goombong, approximately 55 miles West of Jogjakarta, reached Karanganjir, crossing the status quo or United Nations demarcation line on the road to Jogjakarta.

Dutch troops invaded the Asahan district along the East coast of Sumatra. The Dutch headquarters announced: "In Central Sumatra Dutch troops crossed the former status quo line at several places."

Dutch troops seized all Republican buildings in Batavia and carried out mass arrests of Indonesians. Censorship was imposed on all press cables.

The military action followed on the heels of the Dutch Government's cancellation of the Indonesian truce and its decision to set up an interim Indonesian Government without recognising the Republic. Each side charged that the other had consistently violated the truce.

The official Indonesian representative in Batavia, Dr. Darmasulastri, was arrested along with other high-ranking negotiators who had been carrying on talks through United Nations representatives.

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Princess Margaret At Nurses' Ball



Princess Margaret has the Marquess of Blandford (left) as table companion during the British Empire Nurses' War Memorial Fund "Thank You Nurse" Ball, held recently in London at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square.—AP Photo.

Small Factory Explodes In Shopping Area

Halifax, December 18.

An explosion at a small spindle-making works here today killed three persons, including the proprietor, injured seven workers seriously, hurled machinery into the streets and shattered windows all over the town.

Christmas shoppers thronging the main shopping centre, where the works are located, were among the slightly injured. Seventy persons were treated in hospital for cuts from flying splinters.

The explosion was believed to have been caused by the bursting of a compressed gas apparatus used in operations at the works. The workers in the plant were on overtime and the explosion occurred 70 minutes before it would have closed for the week-end.

The police cordoned off the area while doctors and nurses tended the injured and firemen and police rescued workmen trapped under fallen masonry.

One local shopkeeper told a reporter: "It was like bombs bursting. About 1,000 people were in the district but although many shops were badly damaged, only a few people received slight injuries from flying glass."

The works was a three-storey building in the Northgate shopping centre of Halifax.—Reuter.

UNRRA Fishing Boat Missing

Shanghai, December 18.

Twelve fishing boats were searching the coast off the Yangtze mouth for the Fisheries Rehabilitation Administration boat Connecticut after the body of one of the crewmen was picked up today.

It was feared that the craft, one of almost 100 modern fishing boats brought to China by UNRRA, was lost in a storm. The exact size of the crew, all Chinese, was unknown.

Meanwhile, divers were working on the sunken Kiangya, the Ningpo passenger ship which sank after an explosion off the Yangtze mouth.

They have recovered 1,217 bodies which, they estimated, was about one-third of the total casualties. Diving now has been temporarily halted due to a series of high tides.—Associated Press.

Reports On Loan To Transjordan Denied

London, December 18.

Reports from Amman that Britain had lent £10,000,000 to Transjordan to help in the administration of the Arab areas of Palestine were denied tonight by a Foreign Office spokesman.

Authoritative quarters in Amman tonight suggested that Britain might lend Transjordan £10 million to enable her to administer Palestine territory whose annexation was approved by the Transjordan Government last week.

The Amman report said that arrangements for the loan were believed to have been concluded by Transjordan's Finance Minister, Sulaiman Bey Shukri, during his recent two-weeks' visit to London, these quarters understood.

Real Intentions
The Transjordan Government was surprised at the "unofficial" protests by Syria and Egypt at the Transjordan decision to administer Palestine territory under King Abdullah, it was authoritatively stated in Amman.

An Iraqi delegation, headed by Jala Bathan, is going to Egypt to explain to the Egyptian Government and King Farouk the Transjordan Government's "real intentions," the same source added.

Diplomatic observers in London pointed out that such a move by Britain to lend money to Transjordan was most unlikely at the present moment since it could only widen the existing breach between Transjordan and the other States of the Arab League.

Disastrous Bus Collision In U.S.

Salt Lake City, Utah, December 18.

Thirty-five people are feared dead or dying as the result of a head-on collision today between two buses, near Delta, Utah, the police announced.

Both vehicles caught fire and were burned out. One bus driver said he counted seven bodies but did not know how many might be inside the buses.

One bus was understood to be carrying United States navy men going home for Christmas. Bus line officials said, and added that the vehicles carried about 60 people.

Passing motorists described the mishap as terrible and said they saw several sailors with the skin practically burned from their hands and arms. They added that the area was foggy and the highway was icy.—Monitor.

Dr. Sun Fo Notifies Chiang Of Inability To Form Cabinet

Nanking, December 19.

Dr. Sun Fo tonight officially notified President Chiang Kai-shek that he cannot accept nomination as Premier because his efforts to form a strong Cabinet had been unsuccessful. This information was given to Reuters tonight by Mr. T. K. Sun, son of Dr. Sun Fo.

Dr. Sun had accepted the nomination to the extent that he had agreed to endeavour to form a Cabinet, but his father had been unable to secure the inclusion of leaders of the various factions within the Kuomintang despite many conferences and discussions, Mr. T. K. Sun said.

Mr. Sun said his father had not yet received a reply from the President and he was unable to say when such a reply would be received.

He could give no opinion as to what Dr. Sun Fo's position would be should the Generalissimo decline to accept his nomination, but he presumed that his father in such circumstances would make renewed efforts to form a Cabinet.

Among the leaders who, it was understood, were approached to take part in the Cabinet were two ex-Premiers, General Chang Chun, head of the Political Science Group, and Dr. Wong Wen-hao, China's last Premier.

Sources close to Dr. Sun Fo earlier today denied reports that the Premier had already formed a Cabinet, the members of which would soon be announced.

These sources had said that discussions were still proceeding but there was no indication when an agreement would be achieved. Sources close to General Chang Chun denied that the general would become a member of Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet without portfolio.—Reuter.

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THE WEATHER	
At 0000 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) anti-cyclones are centred over the N China Manchuria area and E of Hainan. They are separated by a trough which extends from a large and very intense depression over S Kamchatka across the Sea of Japan to SW China. With the exception of the Southern part of the trough all systems are moving Eastwards. Fairly strong Easterly gradients prevail South of the anti-cyclones.	
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Christmas Spirit Emphasied By Nativity Plays

The full significance of Christmas—its beauty, solemnity, sweetness and joy—was emphasised by the Nativity plays and carol services given last night.

"Silent Night, Holy Night," by F. Gruber and beautifully rendered by the full choir of the Hop Yot Church (with Miss Stella Au as the soloist) reminded the audience that Christmas Eve is not only an occasion for merry making but also one for deep meditation.

The deep reverence in which the choir and Miss Au sang Schubert's "The Star" brought out the beauty of the supreme faith of the Three Wise Men who followed the star to the stable where the Child Jesus was born.

"O Come all ye faithful," that ever popular carol by J. F. Wade, was made the personification of all Christians' joyful invitation to the rest of mankind of come and behold the King of Angels, by the very manner in which it was sung by the choir, with Miss Beatrice Fung as the soloist.

Xmas Spirit Of Goodwill

The Christmas spirit of goodwill was shown by the children of St. Andrew's Sunday School when they filled two tables with gifts for the less fortunate ones, at their annual prize giving, held at the Church Hall yesterday afternoon.

After hymn singing, a prayer and carols, Mr. Hugh Braga, superintendent of the school, gave a report of the school.

The Reverend J. H. Ogilvie, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, distributed the prizes to the following:

Girls:—Claire, Clement, Noreen Timms, Anne Ramsey, Letitia Timms, Alice Clayton, Rosie Bell, Hazel Kotwall, Frances Fincher, Vera Cherlow, Pamela Lowe, Catherine Lowe.
Boys:—Roger, Kenip, John Stevens, Stuart Braga, George Channing, Keith Howarth, Ronald Van Ess, Pat Timms, Allan Timms, Edwin Koppelen.

XMAS PARTY AT KING'S PARK

A Christmas party for children was held at the Little Flower Club at King's Park yesterday. Children of the members of the club and guests from the local Portuguese community were invited to the party, which, under the able direction of Mrs. Motin and Mrs. Silva, was a great success.

There were about 80 children present. Entertainment in the way of games was provided. Tea was served.

TAR AND FEATHERS CAUSE MAN'S DEATH

Berlin, December 18. A young man has died in a Bavarian hospital after being tarred and feathered by rivals as he was returning from a visit to his girl friend, according to a report by the Soviet-licensed German news agency, ADN.—Reuter.



The official unveiling of the Memorial Plaque in memory of members of the Police Force who lost their lives during 1939 and 1945 was held at the Police Recreation Club yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance of police officials, their wives and their friends and the St. John's Choir was also in attendance. The service was officiated by the Very Reverend Dean A. P. Rees, assisted by Rev. J. E. Sandbach and Rev. Father Joy.—China Mail Photo.

Concert At The Gripps Impresses

(By KIMBERLEY)

The Light Orchestra's Grand Christmas performance at the Gripps last night may yet prove to be the Hong Kong concert of the year.

The factors responsible for this overwhelming success before the Governor and a grand attendance at the Hong Kong Hotel: a discriminate selection of popular music, a limited but varied number of soloists, items and the pleasing volume of the orchestra under William Apps.

Added to this was a dramatic Christmas touch contributed by H. V. Ardy with his direction of the choral choir.

The choir of young boys and girls holding lanterns, marching solemnly out, chanting "Good King Wenceslas" with the orchestra softly away in the background. The effect was inspiring.

The audience, warmed up by two preceding items, enjoyed even more the singing of this young group after they had neatly assembled themselves before the Governor. Thereupon they proceeded in the solemn Christmas fashion, to sing "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Spanish March

A Spanish March, by Jaime Teixidor presented a contrast followed by a selection from Bitter Sweet by Coward which ended the first part of the programme.

Chu Chin Chow selections (Norton) began the second interval which led the gathering back to Yuletide with the Savoy Christmas Medley.

First solos were Miss Ting Yu Lin's two songs "Cantique de Noël (Adams)" and Bishop's "Lo Hara the Gentle Lark." Her singing, along with the programme met with an appreciative reception and she returned for an encore.

Victor Orloff's violin expressed all the romance of the music he played. First was Mendelssohn's "On Wings of Song" followed by three equally pleasing pieces, including Shumann's "Song of Love." The orchestra's "Stores of Vienna Wood" waltz was another choice selection.

And Noel Coward's "Cavalcade" selection was a fitting climax to a night of grand, popular and altogether most enjoyable light music.

Motorship Makes Local Debut

A new motorship will make her debut in local waters today arriving from Shanghai.

She is the Barber Fern Line's newly-commissioned ms. Fernhill, which is making her maiden voyage for the Gulf-Far Eastern run of the BFL.

Built in Gothenburg and designed originally for the American Mediterranean service, the 4,400-ton vessel was commissioned last September.

All the latest navigational aids including radar, echo-sounder, long-short wave wireless set, gyro compass and gyro pilot, have been installed to modernise the Fernhill. When fully loaded she can cruise at an average of 15 knots.

She has 9,000 cubic feet refrigerating space and her tanks can hold more than 600 tons of oil. A heating system maintains the temperatures in the tanks accordingly.

Measuring 435 feet by 58 feet, she has two double and four single cabins, each with private bathrooms.

The Fernhill will leave Hong Kong tomorrow for the Philippines, the Straits and the United States.

BAZAAR FOR BOYS' CLUBS

The Murray Parade Ground was a place of attraction and activities on Saturday afternoon when a Fete and Bazaar was held in aid of the Boys and Girls Clubs Association.

Well wishers of the Association patronised the fair in great numbers. Stall keepers, shooting galleries and other game resorts were kept busy catering for the numerous customers which were later increased by the influx of fresh arrivals from the various offices and commercial firms.

Even the slight drizzle in the later afternoon did not damp their spirits.

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Bad Guess Prompted FDR To Enlist Russia For FE War

New York, December 18.

Rear Admiral Ellis M. Zacharias says a bad guess by the Allied joint Chiefs of Staff, based on intelligence agents' faulty conception of Japan's naval strength, led Franklin D. Roosevelt to enlist Soviet Russia for the Pacific War.

Admiral Zacharias is a former Deputy Chief of the U.S. Office of Naval Intelligence.

Writing in the January issue of the magazine United Nations World, he says, "Eventual Russian participation in the war against Japan was a promissory note the joint Chiefs had been holding since Tehran, in 1943. Since September, 1944, they had been urging Roosevelt to collect on it."

"Their (joint Chiefs) decision to bring Russia into the Pacific War was based on a crucial document drafted in the Fall of 1944 by the Intelligence Section of the War Department General Staff."

Its pessimism, its exaggeration of Japanese potentialities, made Russian participation in the Pacific War seem to them virtually imperative. They unwittingly stampeded Roosevelt into supporting them.

In Pigeonhole

"Later, when I was directed by the Secretary of the Navy to draft an estimate of my own, I found out that the War Department had prepared two estimates rather than one—but somehow more accurate and, from our point of view, optimistic evaluation of Japanese potentialities was pigeonholed by a competitive intelligence outfit in the Assistant Secretary's office."

"My own estimate—explicitly adding against Soviet participation in the Pacific War or the grounds that it was not required by our own military necessities—reached conclusions almost identical with the optimistic evaluation of the War Department. It too, ended up in the same Pentagon pigeonhole."

Admiral Zacharias says the pessimistic report credited Japan with 5,000,000 officers and men, and the optimistic reports set Japan's strength at 2,000,000 effective combat troops.—Associated Press.

Reminders

Today

Alice Memorial & Affiliated Hospital, annual general meeting of General Committee, at Netherdale Hospital, 30 p.m.

Concert by the Band of the Buffs, China Fleet Club, 9 p.m.

Northcote Training College, presentation of certificates, 5 p.m. Christmas Pantomime "Red Riding Hood" European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Anglo-Burmese (Java) Plantations, Ltd., Kweekock Java Plantations, Ltd., annual general meetings, 601-606 Marina House, 12.15 and 12.30 p.m.

T. K. Singers rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.10 p.m.

Nativity Play by Rotary Church Club amateurs, Tak Ching School, 9 p.m.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

H.K. Rotary Club, Ladies Day, Christmas Carols by George Lin & Family Orchestra, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Urban Council Meeting, GPO Bldg, 4.15 p.m.

Speech Day, Maryknoll School, 5 p.m.

Metal Industries of China Limited, annual general meeting, Wheelock Marden office, King's Bldg., 11 a.m.

Xmas Lunch, H. K. International Women's Club, Gloucester Building, 12.30 p.m.

Tue H. Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Xmas Lunch, H. K. International Women's Club, Gloucester Bldg., 12.30 p.m.

H. K. Singers Concert, at St. Stephen's Girls College, 9.15 p.m.

HMS London Leaving For Shanghai

Rear Admiral A. C. G. Madden, Flag Officer Second in Command, Far East Station, is leaving by HMS London for Shanghai today on a pre-arranged visit.

HMS London will remain at the Chinese port until the middle of next month.

Due to arrive here on January 2 from Shanghai, HMS Amethyst will probably bring back Rear Admiral Madden. She will depart for Singapore on January 10.

Early on December 22, HMS Constance is due to arrive here from Ningbo and on the following day HMS Black Swan from Shanghai.

The American cruiser Pasadena is leaving the Colony tomorrow after her five-day training visit. The flagship of the 13th Cruiser Squadron arrived last week from Tientsin with Rear Admiral E. E. Herrmann, Commander of the 71st U.S. Task Force, which includes the 13th Cruiser Division.

Official Notices, Appointments

Mr. John Bernard Patrick Byrne's name has been added to the list of Authorised Architects.

Mr. Yuc Shui-chiu has been gazetted as an Authorised Architect.

Mr. John Hubert Bottomley has been authorised by the Governor-in-Council to act as the Building Authority in place of Mr. Richard John Vennell. Mr. Bottomley has also been appointed to act as Chief Building Surveyor.

Messrs. Walter Philip Thomson, Kenneth Andrew Blinman and Geoffrey Studholme Wilson have been appointed to act as Assistant Commissioners of Police with effect from October 1.

Mr. Watt Hol-kee has been appointed to act as Chief Technical Instructor with effect from November 6.

Mr. John Barrow resumed duty as District Officer, New Territories, on December 9.

Mr. Edmund Brinsley Teesdale, District Officer, Yuen Long, has ceased to act as District Officer, New Territories.

Messrs. Arthur Ernest Palli, Alastair Todd and Ian MacDonald Lightbody have been appointed Official Justices of the Peace for Hong Kong with effect from December 7.

A scale of charges for pathological and bacteriological examinations by the Medical Department was published in Government Gazette yesterday.

All passengers arriving at Hong Kong from Amoy must have valid certificates of vaccination against smallpox. It was officially announced in the Government Gazette yesterday.

The certificates must show that the holders have been vaccinated not more than three years before embarking at Amoy for Hong Kong and must have the results of the vaccination endorsed.

Certificates endorsed "unobserved," or "no reaction," will not be accepted. The certificates must also bear the photographs of the holders and be signed or countersigned by an official medical or health officer.

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To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947; to confirm the appointment of a Director and to elect a Director; to elect Auditors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hong Kong, Nov. 27, 1948.

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32,820 pairs. Boots Ankle Indian Pattern.

1. Application to view samples will be made to CRAOC HQ Land Forces, Queen's Road East between 1000 and 1200 hrs daily.

2. Forms of tender will be issued on receipt of \$500.00 earnest money, returnable on completion of sale.

Cheques in respect of earnest money must be made payable to Command Cashier, Hong Kong.

3. Date for closing of tenders will be 12 o'clock, December 30, '48.

NOTICE

ALICE MEMORIAL & AFFILIATED HOSPITALS

The Annual Meeting of the General Committee of the Alice Memorial & Affiliated Hospitals (Nethersole Hospital) will be held on Monday, December 20, 1948, at 5.30 p.m., in the Nethersole Hospital, Bonham Road. Tea will be served from 5.15 p.m.

A. SYDENHAM,
Secretary.

December 18, 1948.

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD.

The Ordinary General Meeting of members of the above Guild will be held at the office, 3rd floor, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 1948.

GEORGE T. LLOYD,
General Secretary.

Hong Kong, December 18, 1948.

NOTICE

EMBARKATION ARRANGEMENTS

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

S.S. "SARPEDON"

Vessel has been unavoidably delayed and now sails at 5 p.m. on Dec. 20, 1948.

HEAVY BAGGAGE launch leaves Murray Pier, Hong Kong at 9 a.m. and Police Pier, Kowloon at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, December 20.

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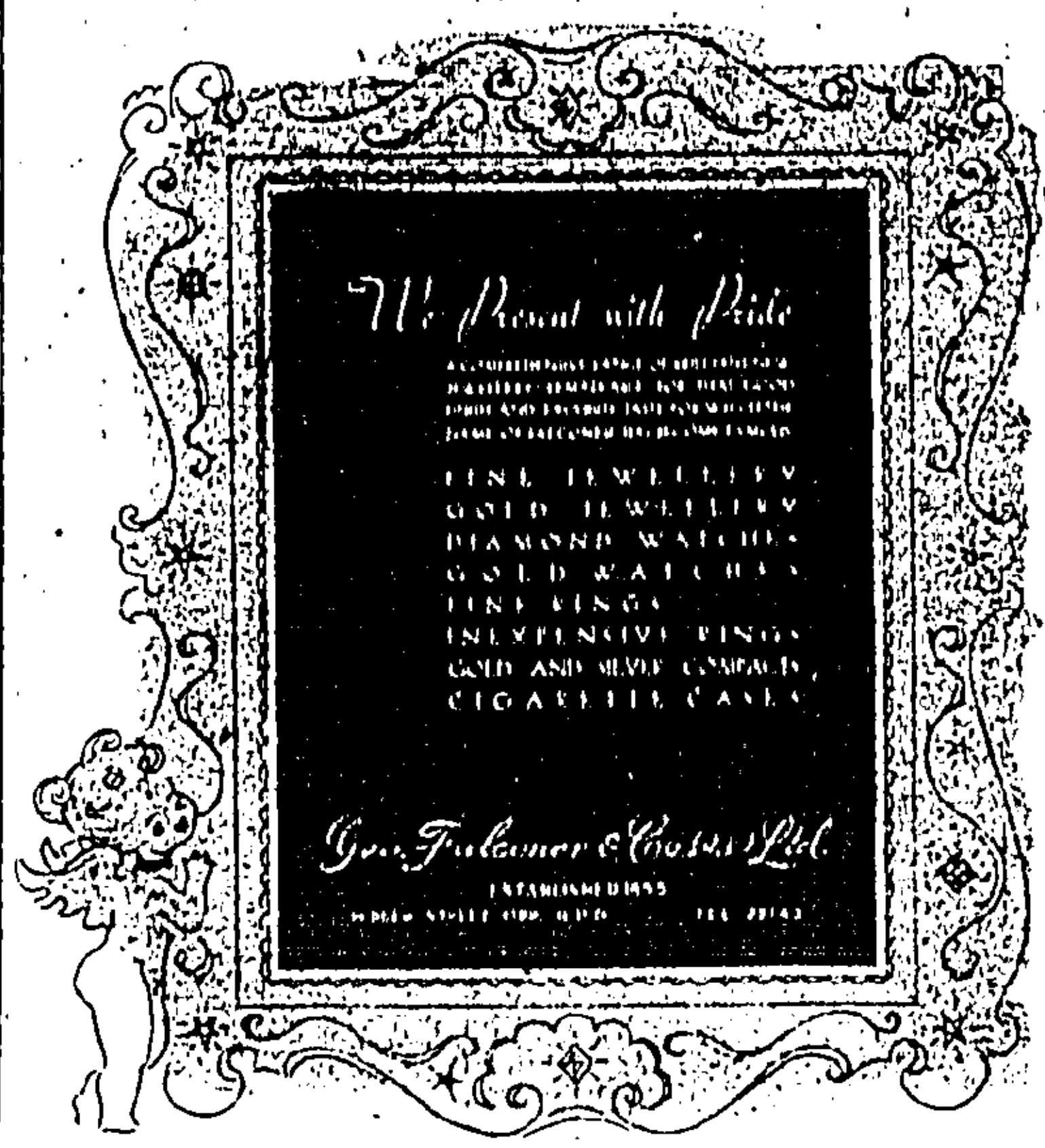
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Christmas Lament

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Others for the Gimlet call.

As East is East and West is West

It's hard to say which is the best.

But pity the man, who to this day

Hasn't tried it either way.

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Annual Race Meeting, 1949

Saturday 15th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th,
Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Hong Kong Derby" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 18th January, Race No. 6 at 3.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 2710).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.
Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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COUNT HIM FOR LENGTH

THERE IS never any question about which direction to finesse a catch a king but only the problem of whether to finesse or not. In the case of the queen however, it is different. Instead of two ways to shut it out, the drop or the finesse, you have a third possible way in the fact that you may consider finessing in a different direction. If one of the defenders had done no adding, whereas his partner had vigorously bid some other suit or suit, you can usually count the non-bidder as likely to have length in any suit his partner did not name.

SAKQ
H92
DAJ875
CK98
S10964
1A7
29643
3Q73

S83
HKQ108
64
DKQ102
C5
SJT52
HJ53
JNone
CAJ10642

(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable).

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 D
1 H	2 C	Pass	3 C
1 H	4 C	Pass	5 C

At least the opponents did one thing for the declarer at the outset. They showed him very clearly what was his problem, so he could concentrate on it to the exclusion of all else. They scored the heart A and Q to have their book, and the return of the heart K, on which West discarded.

ed his spade 4, compelled the dummy to ruff.

Since that reduced the dummy to two trumps, the declarer had to do his thinking and planning at once. He proved equal to the occasion. The defenders having made it impossible for him, to take one trump first as a safeguard against a singleton club Q, he had to do any finessing on the first round.

The contract would depend on his shutting out that card. Who had it, and was it guarded by one or two little cards? If by only one, the winning play would be two top trumps. But if either defender had a singleton and the other held the twice-guarded honour, a finesse was necessary. After pondering, he decided that East's repeated heart bids indicated so much length there that he probably was short in clubs. So, Mr. Solomon came to his hand with the ruff of a diamond, finessed the club 9, and was home.

Tomorrow's Problem

SQ705.
HJ7
DK10754
CQ8

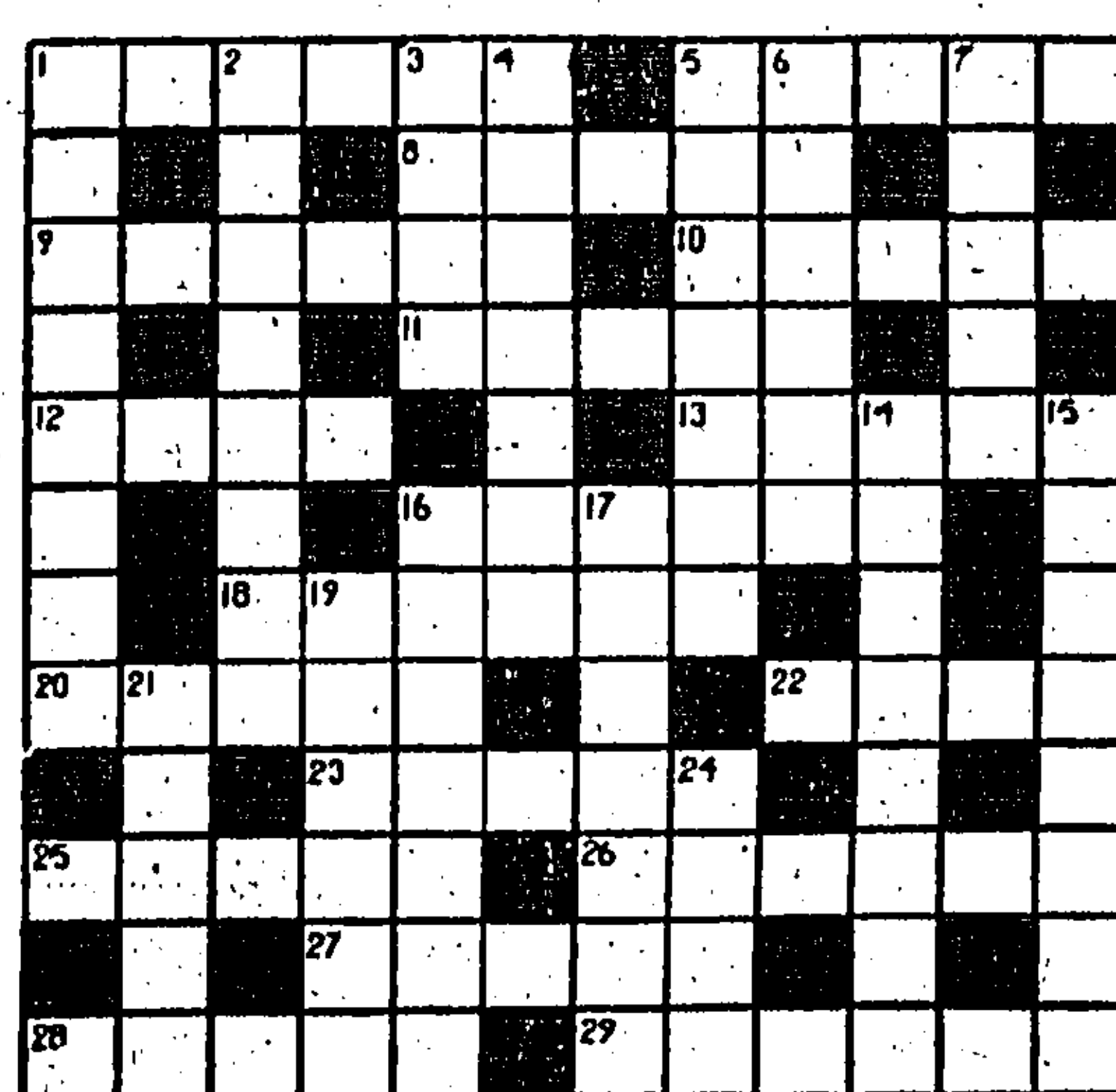
SJT109
H98432
D3
CA542

SAB42
H05
DJ982
CK109

(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable).

How should South play for 3- No Trumps after East plays low on the spade J lead?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- Scared.
- Letter.
- Veiled.
- Weaken.
- Raid.
- Carrying chair.
- Eager.
- Niggard.
- Dear witness.
- Culminating.
- point.
- Anaesthetic.
- Fiacid.
- Assumed name.
- Concise.
- Lower in dignity.
- Willow.
- Income.
- Determine.

Down

- Friendly.
- Upbraid.
- Flower.
- Orders.
- Speaks.
- evil of.
- Handsome man.
- Permission.
- Raucous.
- Answer.
- Stuff.
- Vehement speeches.
- Motive.
- Subject.
- Withered.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1. Balled. 5. Adapt. 8. Real. 9. Forbid. 11. Trile. 12. Deduce. 14. Port. 15. Esel. 16. Abate. 19. Edge. 20. Ellic. 24.

Clear. 25. Lonely. 26. Even. 27. Tense. 28. Dearth.
DOWN:—1. Buff. 2. Lord. 3. Arid. 4. Deduct. 5. Altered. 6. Adipose. 7. Tremble. 10. Besot. 13. Haricot. 14. Pattern. 15. Referee. 17. Again. 19. Exiled. 21. Cone. 22. Tear. 23. Myth.

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CHINA'S IMMEDIATE FUTURE DEPENDS ON CHIANG'S DECISIONS

By Miles W. Vaughn

Shanghai, December 18.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is the key to the immediate political and military situation in China and the course of events in the immediate weeks to come depends upon the decisions which he is now weighing.

That is the general opinion among the best informed Chinese foreign experts to whom this correspondent talked during the past fortnight.

It was agreed that the President is the central figure in the present crisis—with the Communist armies battering at the gates of the Generalissimo's capital in Nanking and at the walls of the ancient seat of the Imperial Chinese rulers in Peking.

The Generalissimo is believed to be debating these possible courses of action:

(1) To retire from the Chinese scene and go abroad. Should he do this, it is presumed that the Vice President of the Republic, General Li Tsung-jen, would become Chief Executive and form a coalition regime which might attempt to consolidate the Communist and Nationalist forces and continue the civil war or he might try to make a deal with the Reds for some kind of "cease-fire" in which the Communists would be given only equality with the Nationalist Kuomintang Party and affiliated elements.

The highest American diplomatic observers of this country believed that the Generalissimo will be forced to step down and that the Secretary of State, General George Marshall, would be pleased to hear of such a development. It is no secret that Mr. Marshall has held Chiang in very low esteem since the failure of the Marshall Mission to China.

(2) To remain in Nanking as long as possible and fight against Communism to the bitter end. If Nanking is lost, it is believed that the Generalissimo would move his field headquarters slowly Southward until he has eventually reached Canton where his brother-in-law, Mr. T. V. Soong, has been attempting to organize a strong anti-Communist base for the past year.

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TIENTSIN RACE COURSE NOW AN AIRFIELD

Tientsin, December 19.

With Tientsin's main airport in danger, the authorities are redoubling efforts to construct an emergency airfield at the Tientsin race course, where the sport of kings has long been forgotten and where tents have been put up to house conscripts.

During the past few days, heaps of earth have been carted to the race course where the dirt track and the adjoining claret track have been joined into one. The entire stretch has been extended Southward into the bordering countryside and the completed runway is expected to be 4,000 feet long.

At the Northern end, a Chinese village slightly to the right has been demolished and the same fate might befall a foreign house in the vicinity.

The question observers are asking is what will happen to the American Consul-General's house which lies directly in the path of the runway, about 300 yards from the probable spot where the planes take to the air?

The Consul-General and Mrs. Robert J. Smyth have a beautiful residence which is flanked by two other similar buildings, occupied by the American consular staff.

Tientsin Chinese crammed many weddings into a few carefree hours yesterday. Reuter.

SEKI, THE SILK CONSULTANT

Tokyo, December 19.

Allied Headquarters today dispatched Goro Seki, Japanese silk technician, by plane to New York to serve as consultant to SCAP's foreign trade office there and maintain liaison between Japan's domestic silk producers and American silk buyers.

He will replace two Japanese silk experts formerly assigned to the New York office. Seki is the twelfth Japanese to represent occupied Japan's silk industry in the United States. United Press.

Diagnosis Of Divorce

Cincinnati, December 19.

An American judge who has heard the domestic troubles of 24,000 couples suggests handling wayward married couples as delinquent children.

Judge Paul W. Alexander, a speaker at the National Conference of Church and Home, said the real cause of divorce lies in the character defects of one or both spouses.

"The drunkenness, infidelity, sinning, are merely symptoms or outward manifestations of character defects," he said. "We would substitute for the philosophy of guilt and punishment the modern philosophy of diagnosis and therapy." Associated Press.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the metre band.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—Melodies from British Radio. (HICTS)
1.00 p.m.—Accent on Rhythm. (HICTS)
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.30 p.m.—Interlude.
1.35 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orchestra. (HICTS)
1.50 p.m.—Close Down.
2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
2.05 p.m.—Camp Fire Broadcast by the House King Boy Scouts.
2.30 p.m.—Portuguese. Half Hour. (Studio)
2.50 p.m.—World and Home News. London Relay.
2.55 p.m.—Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra.
3.00 p.m.—Hospital Request Half Hour presented by Nan Dickinson. (Studio)
3.10 p.m.—From the Editorials. (London Relay)
3.15 p.m.—Interlude.
3.20 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music. (HICTS)
3.30 p.m.—"I Like What I Like" presented by Yvonne Charter. (Studio)
3.40 p.m.—Special Christmas Concert by the band of the Buffs conducted by W. L. Foster, A.R.C.M. Guest Artists: Doris Foster (Contralto), Caroline Bruce (Piano), the D. Annan Quartet with Miss Brown as Accompanist. (Relay from China Fleet Club)
3.50 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
4.05 p.m.—Weather Report.
4.10 p.m.—"Smash and Grab" London Playhouse. With Joy Shelton and Sidney Teller.
4.15 p.m.—Dance in Eden Winstone and His Band. (HICTS)
4.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Children In The Choir; Soldiers In The Steeple

Pongpu, December 18.

Chinese children chanted verses in Pongpu's Sacred Heart Church today while Nationalist soldiers in the sandbagged steeple watched for Communist advance units approaching from the North.

From the Church steeple in this bewildered city from which government troops are withdrawing, could be seen a plume of smoke rising from a burning wooden bridge over a tributary of the Hwai.

After the singing, 110 Chinese inside the Church asked to be baptised. A nun performed the rites.

Tanks Move On

Outside, Pongpu reverberated with screeching whistles of trains grunting South Eastward toward Pukow. That is the rail terminal just across the Yangtze from Nanking.

The cars were crammed with soldiers and guns. Hundreds of refugees crowded the tops of the cars, huddled together with their bundled household goods.

A company of light tanks arrived on flatcars from the North where Chiang Kai-shek's

armies apparently have taken a major beating. The tanks continued Southward without being unloaded.

There was every indication of a general retreat from the Hwai River defence line, of which Pongpu was the anchor.

The movement to the South was anything but easy. Red raiders swooped down on the rail line on Friday night and broke the line in four places.

Telegraph communications were disrupted. These breaks are almost daily occurrences now. Nobody in Pongpu is surprised by them.

About one third of the city's 300,000 residents are leaving. Coal still comes from the Hui'an mines to keep its water system operating. Communist units to the West are expected to cut that line of supply almost anytime.

Amid all the noise of movement, Pongpu's people seem surprisingly quiet. They are waiting, just waiting. Associated Press.

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American Government, would cause him embarrassment.

On the administrative side, however, there was much to do. In addition to my Allied responsibilities I was, of course, the commander of American forces in the theatre. Administration of such a force, with its eternal questions of supply, maintenance, replacement, promotion, demotion, and a voluminous correspondence with the War Department, is a very intricate and sometimes very personal process.

One of the first questions to be settled was the choice of the American officer who would now become deputy to General Wilson and who would therefore take over American administrative duties in the Mediterranean.

This brought up the problem of filling high American positions in both theatres—General Marshall and I of course wanted to place each man in the post where we felt his special qualifications could best assist in the prosecution of the war.

At that time my own ideas as to the best possible allocation of American commanders to the two theatres were given in a telegram sent to Cene at Marshall on December 23, 1943:

In the early stages of Overlord I see no necessity for British and American Army Group Commanders. In fact, any such setup would be destructive of the essential co-ordination between Ground and Air Forces. When Army Group Commanders become necessary, I profoundly hope to designate an officer who has had combat experience in this War. My preference for American Army Group Commanders, when more than one American Army is operating in Overlord, is General Bradley. One of his Army Group Commanders should probably be Patton; the other, a man that may be developed in Overlord operations or, alternatively, somebody like Hodges or Simpson, provided such officer could come over to United Kingdom at an early date and accompany Bradley through the early stages of the operations.

To my mind, Bradley should be the United States Assaulting Army Commander, and become Army Group Commander when necessary.

I have sent to you at Washington a long letter outlining my ideas for the American Command setup, both here and in Overlord. I hope that letter will be awaiting you when you arrive in Washington, but I summarise it here for your immediate information. The American Theatre Commander here in the Mediterranean should be Devers, leaving Clark free at the appropriate time to take complete charge of Anvil.

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COMMUNIST
COUP D'ETAT

The Communist municipal coup d'etat which has been carried out with Soviet protection in the Soviet sector of Berlin is the most spectacular step yet taken to split Berlin in two and is a further move designed to place all Berlin under the domination of the Communists and their Soviet patrons.

The new Magistrat nominated by the Berlin City Assembly in the absence of representatives of the three majority parties are, it goes without saying, not recognised by the three Western Powers. The proceedings in the State Opera House in the Soviet sector were a gross violation of the provisional constitution of Berlin from the beginning to the end.

The three Western Powers uphold the existing provisional constitution which was enacted with the approval of the four-Power Kommandatura on July 17, 1946.

Under that constitution, the City Assembly is elected for a period of two years, at the end of which there must be new elections. The Assembly itself elects the Magistrat, the supreme executive organ of the City Government, and the Magistrat remains in office throughout the two years of the Assembly's life. After the elections, the new Assembly elects a new Magistrat.

The two-year term of the present Assembly, and the Magistrat came to an end on October 20. Early in October, the Magistrat submitted to the four-Power Kommandatura for approval a draft order fixing the new elections for October 24. The three Western Commandants gave their approval without delay but the Soviet authorities waited until October 20 before stating that their consent to the elections would be dependent on four conditions which were totally unacceptable both to the Western Powers and to the majority of the City Assembly.

The date for elections was then fixed, with the approval of the Western Powers, for December 5. These elections have now been held in the three Western sectors, but they were not held in the Soviet sector.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons about the illegal establishment in the Soviet sector of Berlin on November 30 of a Communist Magistrat, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said:

"This self-styled Magistrat, which was not elected but nominated, was set up in the Soviet sector of Berlin by members of the Socialist Unity Party and other Communist-controlled organisations at what was purported to be an extraordinary session of the Berlin City Assembly unconstitutionally convened by the Socialist Unity Deputy Chairman.

"This is the culmination of a long Soviet campaign to disrupt the legal administration of Berlin and to divide the city.

"The establishment of this Magistrat has been recognised by the Soviet authorities but has been publicly condemned by the British Military Government who will continue to give its support to the constitutionally elected City Assembly."

Two points stressed by Mr. Mayhew, the illegality of the

formation of the Communist Magistrat and the fact that this coup was the culmination of progressive Soviet efforts to split Berlin in two, were cogently developed in a long statement issued jointly by the three Western Powers in Paris for the information of the currency experts appointed by the six "neutral" members of the Security Council to work out a Berlin currency plan.

The three-Power statement says that on November 13 the Soviet authorities "countenanced and indeed encouraged a series of events in their sector which have completed the exclusion of the legal City Administration from its proper seat in the Soviet sector and from the exercise of its legal authority in the areas of Berlin under Soviet administration." Referring to the formation of the Communist body, the statement says:

"Although this illegal body will be excluded from usurping any functions of the legal Government as far as the Western sectors of Berlin are concerned, its existence in the Soviet sector will end all possibility of a legal, unified administration functioning on a city-wide basis.

"This is a development that the Western Powers have constantly striven to avoid. It is obvious that the de facto division of the city makes the establishment of a single currency extremely difficult."

Our Mediterranean experiences had reaffirmed the truth that unity, co-ordination, and co-operation are the keys to successful operations. War is waged in three elements but there is no separate land, air, or naval war. Unless all assets in all elements are efficiently combined and co-ordinated against a properly selected, common objective, their maximum potential power cannot be realised. Physical targets may be separated by the breadth of a continent or an ocean, but their destruction must contribute in maximum degree to the furtherance of the combined plan of operation. That is what co-ordination means.

Not only would I need command, who understood this, but I must have those who appreciated the importance of morale and had demonstrated a capacity to develop and maintain it. Morale is the greatest single factor in successful war. Endurance, discipline, technique, leadership, equipment, mobility, supply, and maintenance—are prerequisites to the existence of morale. It breeds more readily upon success; but under good leaders it will be maintained among troops even during extended periods of adversity. The methods of developing morale differ so widely as to defy any attempt to establish rules. One observation, however, always applies: in any long and bitter campaign morale will suffer unless all ranks thoroughly believe that their commanders are concerned first and always with the welfare of the troops who do the fighting. A human understanding and a natural ability to mingle with all men on a basis of equality are more important than any degree of technical skill.

I was happy to secure Air Chief Marshal Tedder as my deputy for Overlord in the Mediterranean he had won my respect and admiration of all his associates not only as a brilliant airman but as a staunch supporter of the "allied" principle as practiced in that command. Authority was also granted to Walter E. Smith, without whose services it would have been difficult to organise a staff for the conduct of a great allied operation. I at first understood that originally either General Alexander or General Montgomery was available for the command of the British forces in the new venture. At that time I expressed a preference for Alexander, primarily because I had been so closely associated with him and developed for him an admiration and friendship which have grown with the years. I regarded Alexander as Britain's outstanding soldier in the field of strategy. He was moreover, a friendly and companionable type. Americans instinctively liked him.

The Prime Minister finally decided, however, that Alexander should not be spared from the Italian operation, which would have important effect upon the one we were to undertake the following summer, and from which he had hoped for momentary relief. Consequently General Montgomery was assigned to command the British forces in the new operation, a choice acceptable to me. General Montgomery has no superior in two most important characteristics. He quickly develops among British enlisted men an intense devotion and admiration—the greatest personal asset a commander can possess. Montgomery's other outstanding characteristic is his tactical ability in what might be called the "prepared" battle. In the study of enemy positions and situations and in the combining of his own armour, artillery, air, and infantry to secure tactical success against the enemy he is careful, meticulous, and certain.

was a most competent commander of courage, resourcefulness, and tremendous energy. Moreover, all of us knew him to be helpful and companionable, even though we sometimes laughed among ourselves at the care with which he guarded the British tradition and practice, the "senior service" position of the British Navy.

On Christmas Eve we listened to the radio, having learned that President Roosevelt was to make a significant speech. During that talk he made the first public announcement of my transfer to command of Overlord and included in the statement the designation of the title I was to assume. The title was Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces. This sounded very imposing and inspired Commander Butcher, my naval aide, to say that his major problem for the next week or so would be to design proper stationery to carry my exalted title.

The most significant of my final acts in the Mediterranean took place on Christmas Day, 1943. On that day I had just completed another tour along the front lines in Italy and I then took off for Tunisia, where I met the Prime Minister. Present with him were the new commander in chief of the Mediterranean, General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, along with General Alexander and a number of staff officers. The matter for discussion was a proposed amphibious operation against Anzio. The operation could not be launched before January, after my departure, and my own conclusions on the matter were not decisive. Nevertheless, I was involved because of the fact that launching the attack would require a delay in the planned schedule for shipping certain landing craft to England. Consequently my concurrence in the project was sought.

As the situation then stood in Italy it was apparent that a steady advance up the peninsula demanded a succession of outflanking operations by sea, preferably on both flanks. Head-on attacks against the enemy on his mountainous frontiers would be slow and extremely costly. The real question to be decided was whether the over-all interests of the Allies would be best served by allocating to the Italian operation sufficient resources to maintain momentum in the advance, or whether on the contrary we should content ourselves with minor, well-prepared attacks in the mountains with limited arm men and resources. Neither troops nor landing craft were immediately available in sufficient numbers to carry out large-scale operations on both flanks, and because of comparative ease in their later support such operations were more feasible on the Western than on the Eastern flank of Italy.

I agreed to the general desirability of continuing the advance but pointed out that the landing of two partially skeletonised divisions at Anzio, a hundred miles beyond the front lines as then situated, would not on one side be equally important that this be done in such a way that our own costs would be minimised. It was from the standpoint of costs that I urged careful consideration of the whole plan. I argued that a force of several strong divisions would have to be established in Anzio before significant results could be achieved. I pointed out also that, because

of distance, rapid building up of the attacking force at Anzio would be difficult and landing craft would be needed long after the agreed-upon date for their release.

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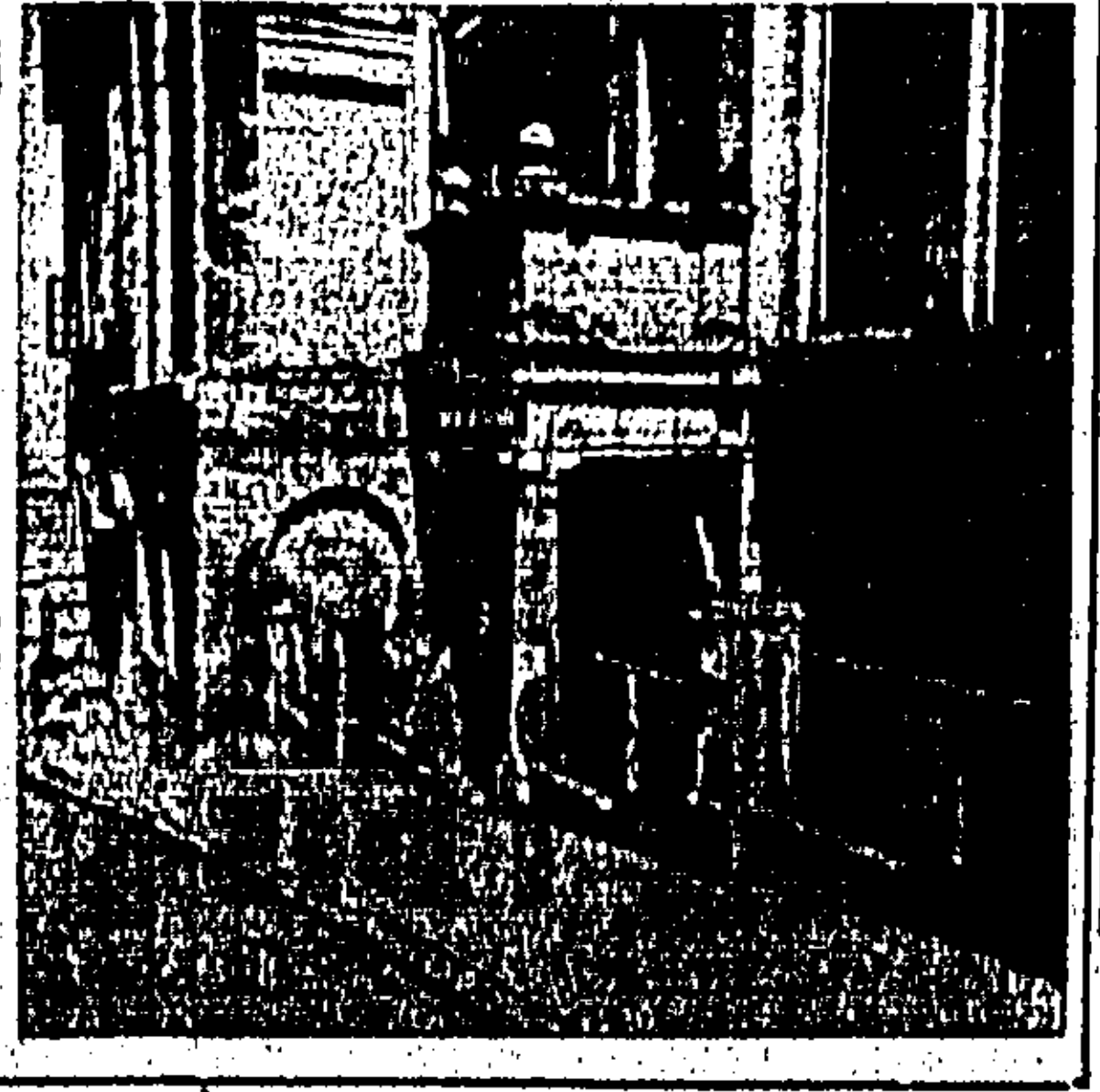
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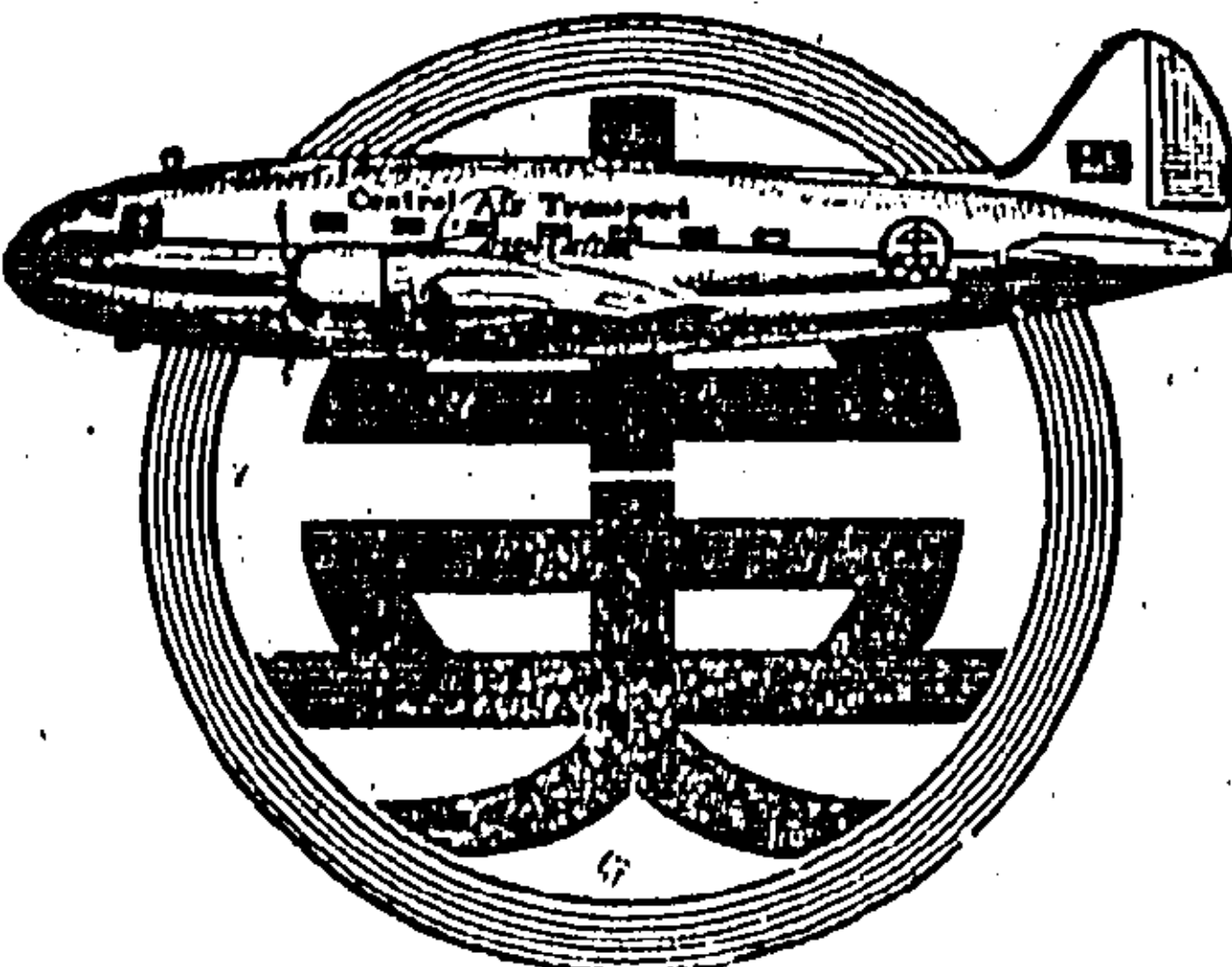
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"INDIA'S DOMINION STATUS MUST GO"

Pakistan Fears Unfounded

Jalpur, December 18. Pandit Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, said today that India had no intention of invading Pakistan, whose fears were unfounded and unfounded for.

The Premier, moving a resolution on the objects of the Congress Party at its annual meeting, said:

"In the world of today problems are not solved by war. India was party in an agreement which created Pakistan. Even if Pakistan prayed for union with India, it would be better for her not to join, he said.

Mr. Nehru hoped that there would be working arrangements for mutual benefit between the two Dominions on such vital matters as defence, communications and trade.—Reuter.

Atomic Bomb Outclassed?

Copenhagen, December 18. The Nobel Prize physicist, M. H. Blackett of Britain, told newspapermen today that he did not believe the Soviets have developed the atomic bomb.

He also dismissed the possibility that the bomb, regardless of who had it, would be a decisive weapon in a future war.

He said that its effects were tremendously exaggerated and added that he expected other weapons, possibly German, would be even more destructive than the bomb.

Blackett and Paul Mueller, Swiss Chemistry Prize winner arrived in Copenhagen last night. Mueller lectured on his insecticide research before the Danish Scientific Association.—United Press.

Wolfram Mines Battle Area

Rangoon, December 18. Fresh fighting was officially reported today in Karenni State 230 miles North East of Rangoon and in areas surrounding the British-owned Wolfram mines at Maw-chi.

The Secretary of the Mine Affairs Ministry said there were clashes daily between Government troops and Karenni rebels who are creating widespread trouble. He said the Maw-chi mines are now held by the rebels.

J.R. Faircl, General Manager of the Maw-chi Mines Company, is in Rangoon. He said reports received from Maw-chi showed the rebels were not harming British employees and that the mining installations were safe.—Associated Press.

GREEK CHILDREN IN SIX COUNTRIES

Prague, December 19. Professor Yannis Horalis, Welfare Minister in the "government" of the Greek guerrilla leader, General Markos, said today that 4,000 children evacuated from Greece have been sent to Albania, 200 to Czechoslovakia, 1,000 to Poland, 3,000 to Hungary, 3,000 to Bulgaria and 5,000 to Rumania.

Professor Horalis told a press conference his "government" accepted the recent United Nations' decision that the children must be returned to Greece if their parents or close relatives wish it. He added that so far no parent had asked for the return of a child.—Reuter.

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Indian Leader's Statement

Grandhinagar, December 19.

The new President of the powerful Indian National Congress Party predicted on Saturday that India will drop her status as a British Dominion. Dr. B. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, in his prepared inaugural address, indicated, however, his country might seek some special relationship with the United Kingdom.

"At present we are passing through a transition stage of dominionhood," he said. "Dominion status has certainly meant in practice independence of domestic and external policy. Nevertheless, the concept of Dominion cannot be fitted in with that of the Republic. Therefore, Dominion status must go."

Free Relations

"The question then arises," Mr. Sitaramayya went on, "as to whether it is possible or desirable for the free Indian Republic to have some relationship with the United Kingdom and other countries associated with her."

"This relationship can not be that of a Dominion. It can only be the association of free and independent countries agreeing to have certain reciprocal relations which do not limit in any way the freedom in regard to domestic or international policy."

"But whatever associations may be built up, they must in no way derogate from the complete independence of India."

Mr. Sitaramayya said India wants closer contacts and friendly relations with other countries but he emphasized:

"The process of eliminating imperialism from Asia cannot be stopped and must go on."

STARVATION A REAL THREAT

Barnstaple, England,

December 18.

The world would starve unless it put aside war and grew more food, the Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, said tonight. Sir Hartley told an audience at Barnstaple, Devon: "The countries of the world are so preoccupied with national differences, so concerned with the prospect and the fear that they pay scant attention to the real and calamitous danger that before long many will easily confront the world—starvation."

There was a vital need for international co-operation in pursuing an expansionist agricultural policy and to this end Britain was increasing her own food production and promoting the work of the world Food and Agricultural Organisation.

He added: "We aim at increasing the annual output of British agriculture by £100 million a year in four years—20 per cent. That target can and must be reached."—Reuter.

Bomb Disrupts Wedding Party

Hamburg, December 18. A 1,000lb.-bomb exploded under the main road at Niendorf, near here today, killing one man, seriously wounding 15 people and slightly wounding 30 others. Three houses were totally destroyed and 15 damaged.

The bomb was thought to have been dropped by the British during the war. It was believed to have been detonated by a passing lorry. The injured included all members of a wedding party who were in the damaged houses.—Reuter.

Headless Girl In Old Shaft

Wakefield, Yorkshire,

December 18.

A black hair net with some black hair is the only clue the police have to identify a young woman's body found in a disused pit near Wakefield.

The body, with head and one arm missing, was found floating on top of 400 feet of water 130 feet down a shaft at Old Walton. The police say she might have died five years ago.

Their main problem is how did she get in the shaft—it was sealed seven years ago.—Reuter.

Francis Sayre To Be Called

New York, December 18.

It was learned today that the new Federal grand jury investigating espionage is expected to ask Francis B. Sayre, Alger Hiss boss when he was in the State Department, to testify next week.

The jury which recessed for the week-end was impeached on Thursday. It replaced the panel which indicted Hiss for perjury on Wednesday just before it wound up its 18-month duty.

Sayre is a former Assistant Secretary of State and High Commissioner in the Philippines. He is now a United Nations delegate and is expected to leave for Paris where he has been attending the General Assembly session.—United Press.

U.S. Will Join Defence Union In Emergency

Washington, December 18.

Diplomatic informants reported today that plans have been evolved for co-ordinating United States military operations in Europe with those of the Five Power Western European Unity in the event of trouble with Russia.

Actually, fully qualified informants said there is no fear in Washington that such trouble is either imminent or inevitable.

American policy is based on the concept that the best way to avoid conflict is to match Russian power with Western power. The agreement was apparently advanced considerably by conferences in Germany a month ago between General Lucius D. Clay and Viscount Montgomery.

Monty In Control
In his position as Chairman of the top military committee of the Western Union and because the American military command is now more with world strategy than with Western Europe alone.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery would take operational control of American as well as Western Union troops under the agreement if an emergency arose.

Washington authorities said that military leaders should try to make plans to deal with every possibility and that the plans evolved with the Western European Command Organization are of that type.

They are conditional only in the sense that a more formal relationship between the United States and Western Europe will be established if and when the proposed North Atlantic Security Alliance comes into force next spring.—Associated Press.

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SPY INVESTIGATION

INFORMER WILL TRADE SECRETS FOR SAFETY

Washington, December 18.

It was disclosed today that a frightened ex-Communist has offered to inform on Russia's American spies if the FBI will protect him against their vengeance.

Members of the House Committee on Un-American activities said they plan to hear his story in a secret session on Monday.

They refused to identify him, but it was learned in New York that the informer is George Hewitt, a negro, who went under the name of Tim Holmes during his stay in the Communist Party. He quit the party in 1944 and has acted as a government witness in several Communist deportation hearings.

Representative John McDowell was understood to have questioned Hewitt privately in New York on Friday and to have asked him to tell his story to the committee in Washington.

Vital Information

Hewitt's employer recently asked the FBI to protect the one-time Red, asserting that he has been threatened by his former party comrades.

Committeemen said the witness promised them vital information on Soviet espionage if his safety can be guaranteed. They said they will insure that by serving him with a formal subpoena which automatically brings him under the protection of the FBI.

Hewitt is one of the seven witnesses the committee wants to hear next week to help it determine how much Communist espionage is going on now and what legislation is needed to combat it.

The Acting chairman, Karl Mundt, said the committee wants to find out whether there are any Communists in the Federal government although he said that any thorough investigation will have to be undertaken by a government agency.

Representative Mundt said it would be a mistake to expect to find many Red spies in top echelons of the government; they are more likely to be working in minor jobs where they could pick up stray bits of information.

Red Charwomen?

Mundt said, "We believe that any Communist in the government is a potential spy." He told reporters: "But it is more likely that you are going to find some charwomen snooping around the place looking into wastebaskets and rilling papers left on the desk."

He suggested that the government take a good look at its charwomen to make sure that there are no Soviet spies among them.

The Committee, meanwhile, made public its fourth and final installment of "spy papers" which it obtained last month from ex-Communist Whitaker Chambers.

The latest papers for the most part were 1938 messages from American diplomats in Europe to the State Department about the then developing crisis in Austria. Among other things they suggested that Benito Mussolini was persuaded with false promises to help when Hitler marched into Vienna in 1938 and proclaimed the Anschluss.—United Press.

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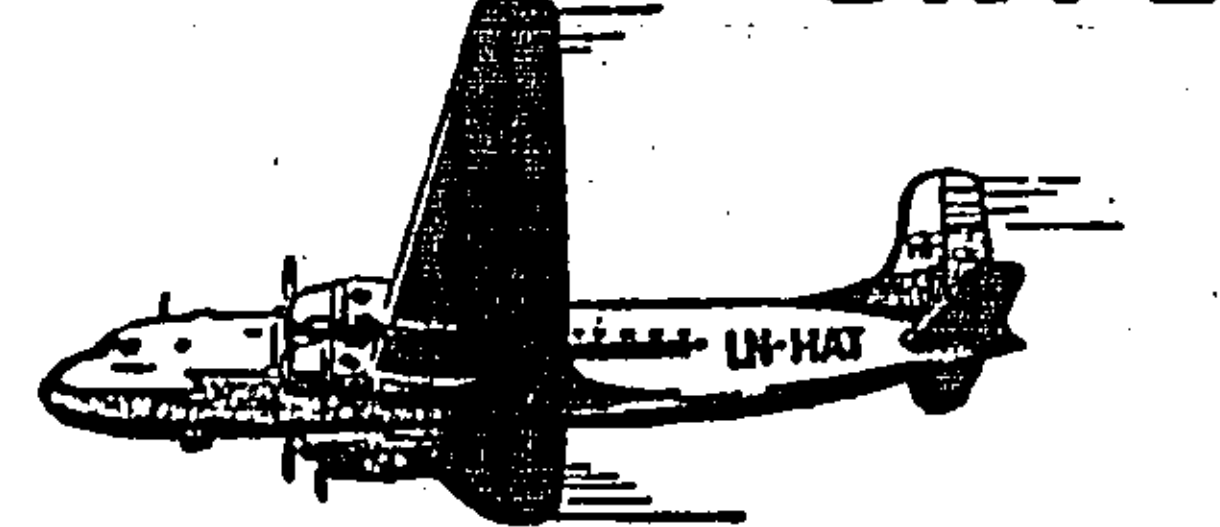
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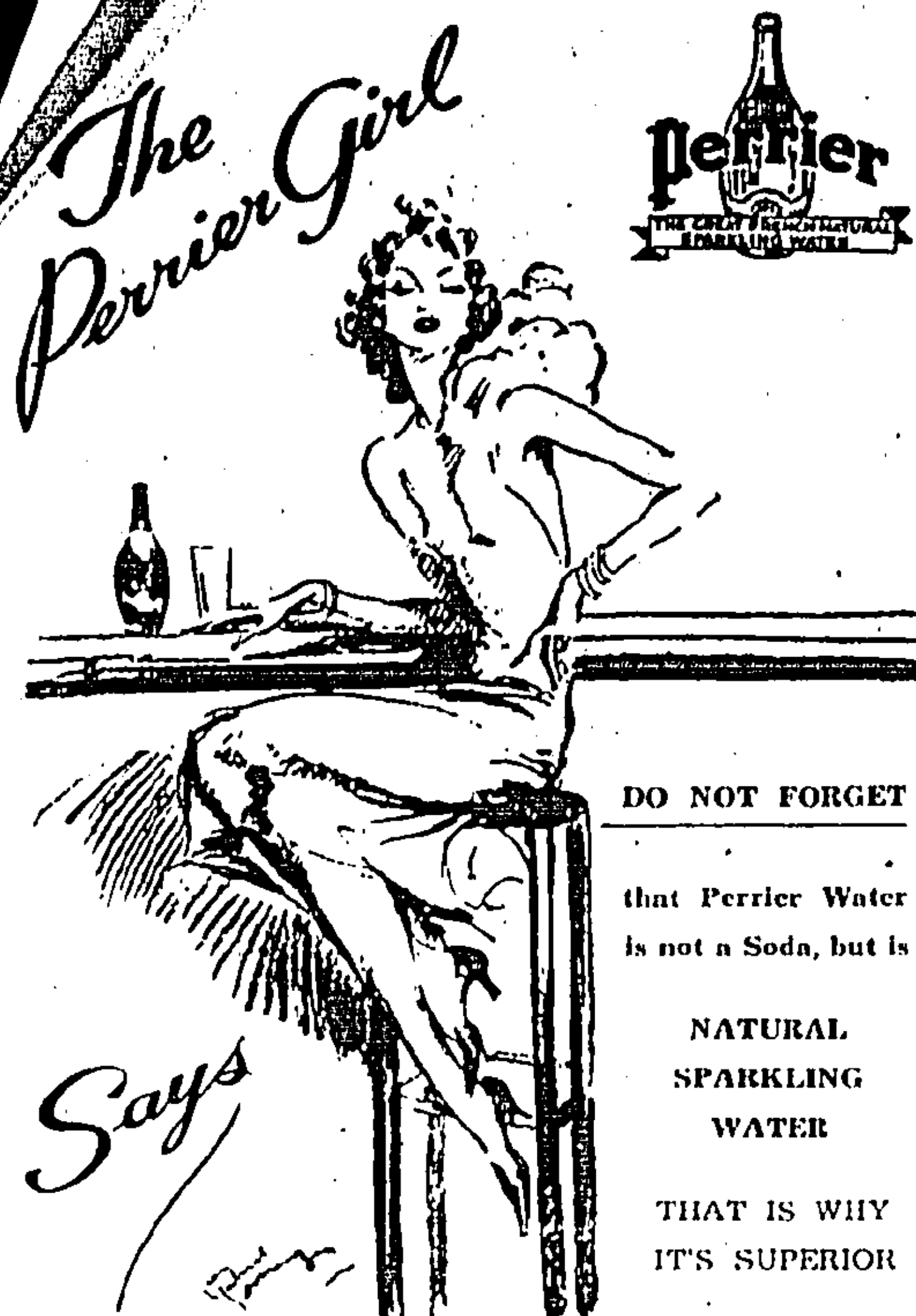
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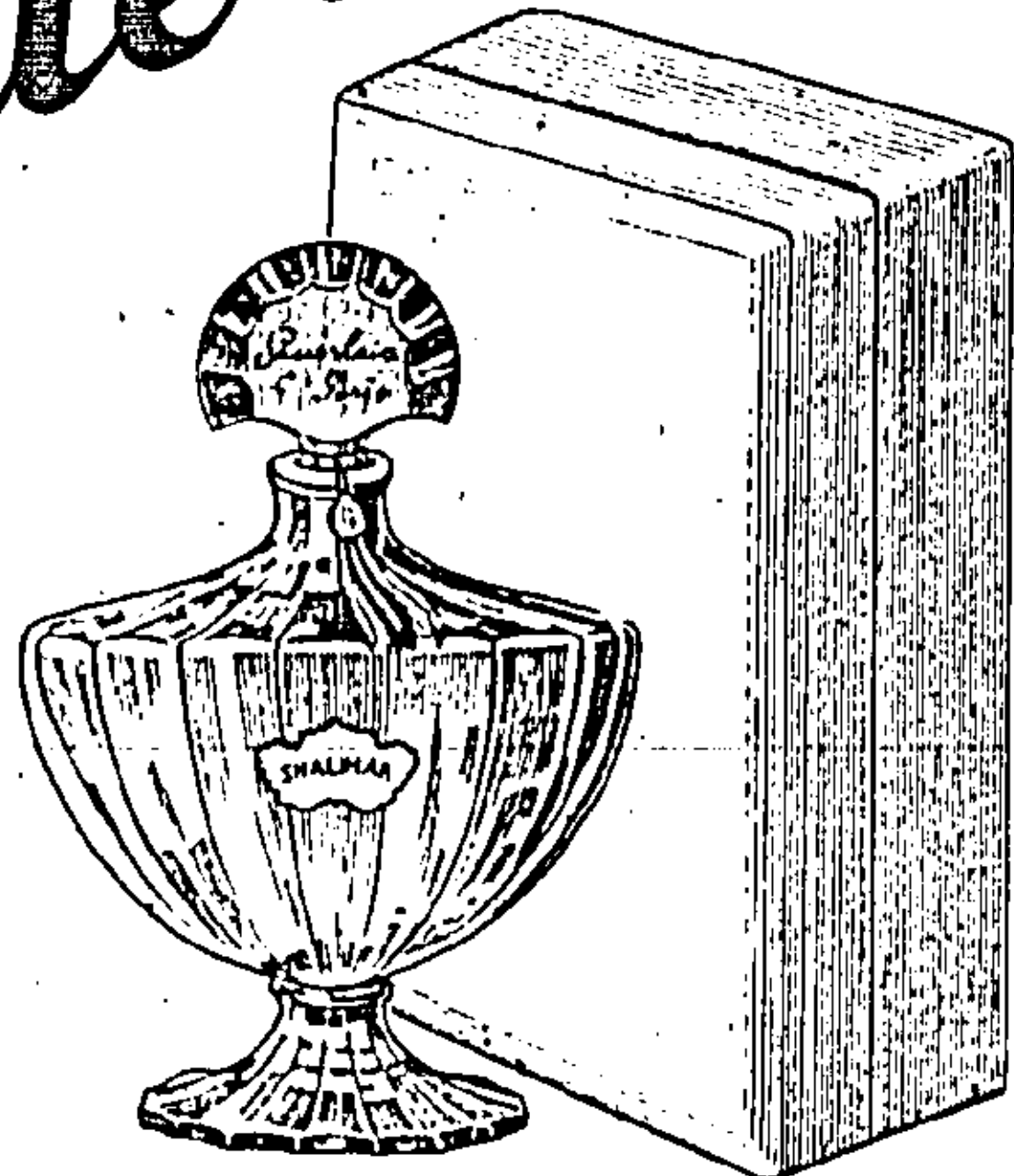
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CANCER EXPERIMENTS PROVOKE U.S. INTEREST

Chicago, December 18.

Experiments with a powerful substance that produces cancer which can be neutralized were reported today by a Japanese scientist. American cancer experts said that the report, by Dr. Ryojun Kinoshita, President of the Japanese Cancer Society, again raises the question of whether cancer is caused by a virus.

If such should prove to be the case, they said, the answer might lie in measures that have brought smallpox and other virus-induced diseases under control.

Dr. Kinoshita, in the absence of a direct finding, declines to call the agent known as "000 factor," a virus. However, he said an examination of the agent under the electron microscope showed black dots, slightly larger but of the same shape as some known viruses.

The cancer-causing agent, Dr. Kinoshita said at a news conference, was discovered accidentally during the war. A Nagasaki research scientist injected potassium arsenite into a rat which previously had been treated with an azo (dye) compound. The rat developed a cancer of the connecting tissue that resembled leukemia.

Tumors Started

Fluid extracted from the rat's abdomen was found to contain malignant cells in a state of suspension. Even though diluted many times, the fluid developed huge cancer tumors within a week to 20 days when injected into other rats.

The fluid was injected into another strain of rats. Cancers developed suddenly but soon disappeared. Presumably the strain was able to develop a resistance to the agent and to cancer. A filtrate known as schwartzman's cell was injected into the cancer and into the blood of the cancerous rats. Tumor masses decreased in size and some disappeared. When serum from a resistant rat was mixed with the cancer-causing fluid, its malignant potency was neutralized.

Liver Cancer

Dr. Kinoshita said initial tests to immunize rats so they could not be infected with the fluid

had been unsuccessful. He urged American scientists further to explore the possibilities. No tests have been made on humans.

The American Cancer Society has shown interest in his experiments and arranged the news conference and also conferences between Dr. Kinoshita and American cancer experts. Dr. Kinoshita previously discovered that azo dyes can cause liver cancer and that coal tar products can cause skin cancer. —Associated Press.

Last Resting Place Of Ancient Films

Singapore, December 18.

This is the town where old films come to die. Crowds pack the smaller theatres to see the ghosts of long dead film stars flicker across the screen.

Among them are Tom Mix, the immortal cowboy, and John Barrymore and even such pre-war Asian favourites as Sessue Hayakawa. Did you see him years ago in "Gambling Hell"? If you missed the show, it's running now in one of Singapore's back-street theatres. Coming soon is Tom Mix in a two-run of the 20-year-old "Miracle Rider"—one of the first talkies. You won't want to miss it because it's advertised as "Tom's first serial and his greatest picture."

Many of the billboard ads are as old as the films themselves. Displayed prominently on most of them is that greatest of all wonders of the late 20's, "sound". Aeroplanes dating back to 1918 and 30-year-old racing cars are a part of the billboard displays for these old films.

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Search For An Honest Person

London, December 18. Commander John Duncan, of the Royal Canadian Navy, is trying to trace an unknown person who found his wallet containing £200 in notes in Southampton a week ago and returned it to him intact by registered mail. Commander Duncan telegraphed a Southampton newspaper today: "I am anxious to find out who that splendid person is." The registered packet contained only the wallet and its contents and a note saying: "Good luck."—Reuter.

Lincoln, December 18.

Lincoln City have signed up Arthur Jepson Stoke City's reserve goal-keeper. Jepson, who plays county cricket for Nottinghamshire, was Stoke's regular goal-keeper last season. He was formally with Port Vale. —Reuter.

INACTIVITY RULES IN PEIPING BATTLE AREA

By MICHAEL KEON

Peiping, December 19.

Military observers are drawing several conclusions from the fact that though the Reds have about 100,000 men deployed in a tight ring around an equal number of government defenders, there has been only light skirmishing so far with small casualties on both sides.

Some observers speculate that the Nationalist commander, General Fu Tso-yi, is watching the great battle for Nanking itself and if the government position, unexpectedly improves he would deal the Reds heavy blows here.

But if the government collapses in Central China, these observers think, General Fu will be unwilling to sacrifice his troops in a costly long drawnout defence of the Peiping-Tientsin area, which is thought to have already lost any real significance in the overall China situation.

Little Activity

Daily touring the fighting area I have seen less than 100 Nationalists wounded and no Red prisoners. The South airfield—the last link with the outside world—was taken by the Reds late on Friday but on Saturday morning an emergency airstrip was completed within the city and the first Nationalist Air Force transport landed. Friday night and Saturday morning were free of gunfire outside the city walls for the first time in a week.

Up to mid-afternoon on Saturday, there were no signs

butchers in the London district but not one was a British bird. All of them were imported.

Christmas puddings were plentiful in shops, but there was a shortage of oranges, although the supplies of grapes and tangerines were good.

Christmas trees were plentiful but mistletoe was scarce and expensive at 4/-d per lb. Holly, smothered with red berries, was piled outside most of the green-grocers' shops and sold cheaply.

The majority of the people have given up searching for whisky and are content to buy comparatively cheap Empire wines.—Reuter.

that fighting resumed. I drove out within half a mile of the Red-held South field, but the only sign of activity on the bare, bitter, windwept plain was a small Nationalist Mongolian cavalry patrol.

The government troops, well-equipped with carbines, machine-guns and small mortars, set up ditches under the trees behind tiny brown-walled farm houses, watching for any Red thrust.

The Nationalist battery, three miles back, was trained on the field. If General Fu Tso-yi wanted he could undoubtedly hold Peiping behind its great walls for a considerable time, especially as many believe that the Reds will hesitate to shell heavily the beautiful historic city and arouse condemnation throughout the country.

Jap Artillery

However, observers see the danger of Nationalist defections as in Mukden and Tientsin. They point out that General Fu's troops are the best in China but other forces in the city area are much less dependable. Observers also are puzzled as to why the Reds have failed to launch a full scale attack on the government force still outside the city walls.

The Reds are known to have plenty of Japanese artillery of heavier calibre than the Nationalist armament, but so far they have not used it. The helping populace, which during the past 35 years has seen many old and new military masters come and go remains stoically calm with a quiet "Mei Yu Fa Tze"—There is no way out of it.—United Press.

CHRISTMAS JOTTINGS

**WINDSOR
PRESENTS**

Windsor, December 18. Princess Margaret distributed Christmas presents to the staff at Windsor Castle today. A large Windsor Forest Christmas tree stood in the centre of the Oak Room and the employees received National Savings certificates which had been done up in parcels and taken from the tree by the Queen. —Reuter.

TREE ARRIVES

London, December 18. The 20 metres-high Christmas tree—a gift from Oslo to London—was watched by hundreds of Londoners, when it arrived in Trafalgar Square in Central London today.

The tree, a magnificent spruce, arrived from the London Docks escorted by police motor-cyclists. It was unloaded and trundled to the place, near the Nelson Column, where it will be erected during the week-end.

The Norwegian Ambassador in London and the Mayor of Oslo will present it officially on Monday. On Tuesday evening carols will be sung round the tree.—Reuter.

PIKE'S TURKEY

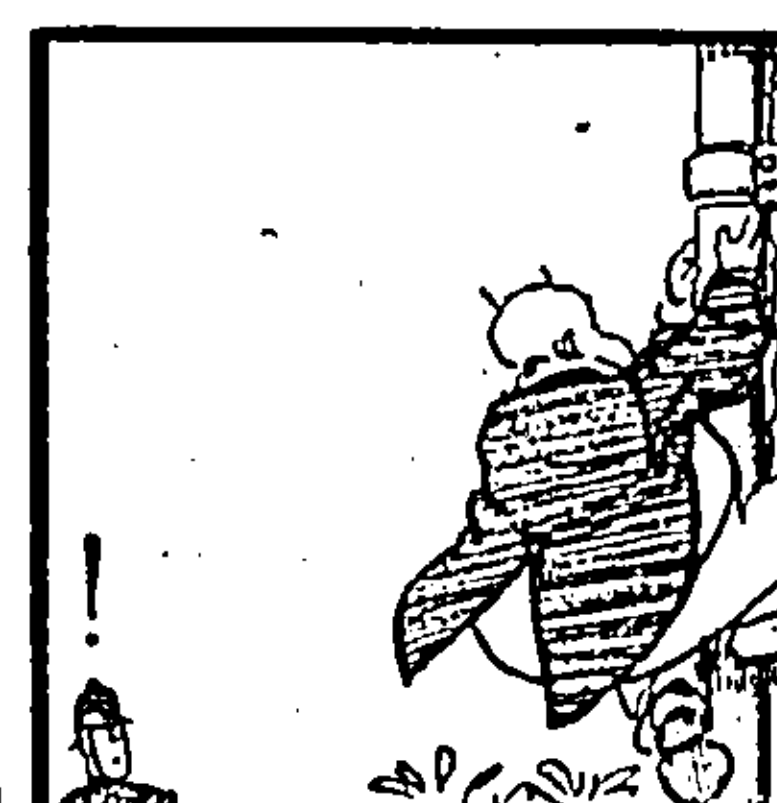
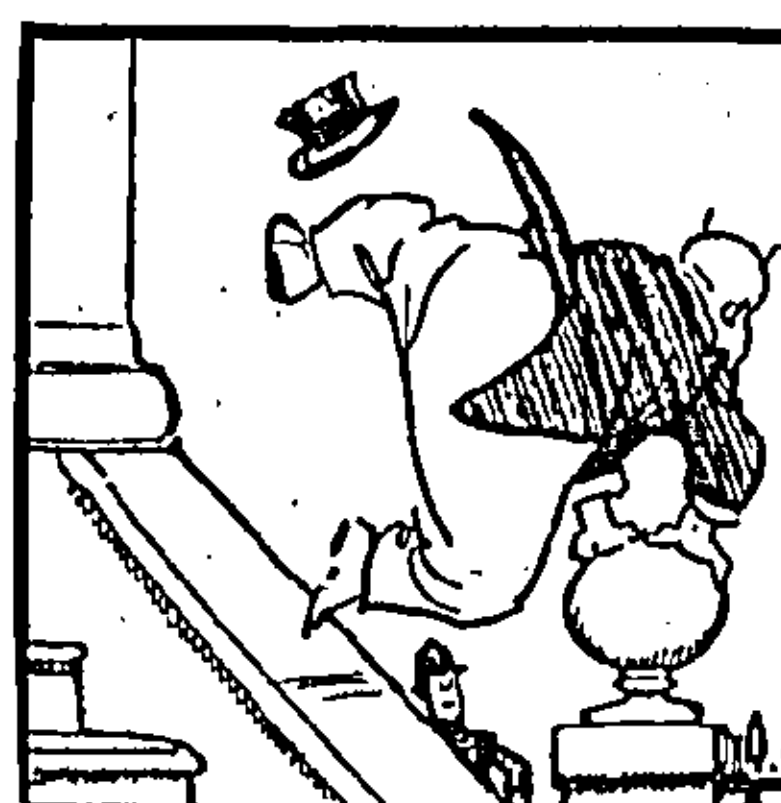
London, December 18. Bernard Pike, aged 14, of East Knyley, who offered in a provincial paper to exchange his 15-pound turkey for a table tennis set has received 160 offers from all parts of England and Scotland.—Reuter.

SHOPS INVADIED

London, December 18. With Christmas only one week away, Britons invaded the shops in cities and towns today to buy food, drink and gifts.

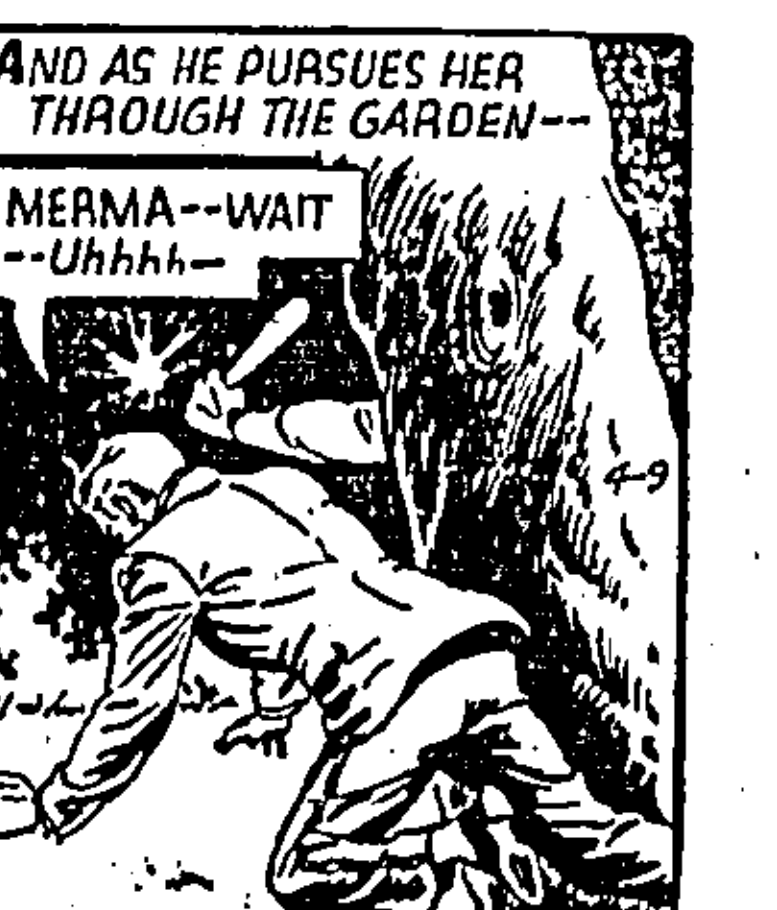
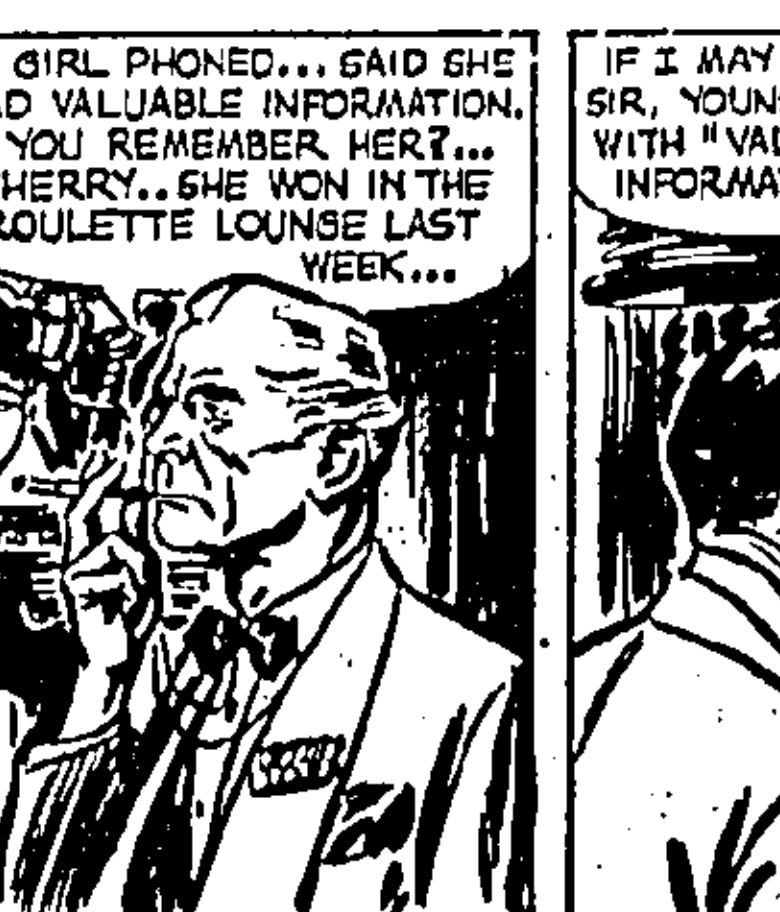
At the big London stores toys were in greatest demand with greetings cards and calendars as near runners up.

"Thousands of turkeys were distributed from Smithfield Market to

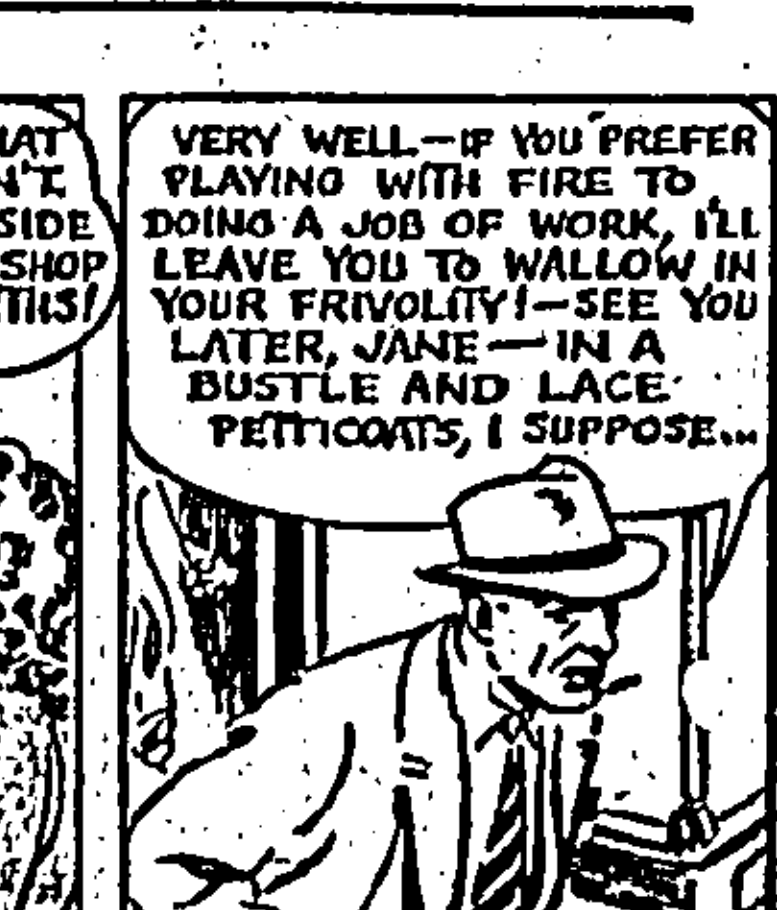
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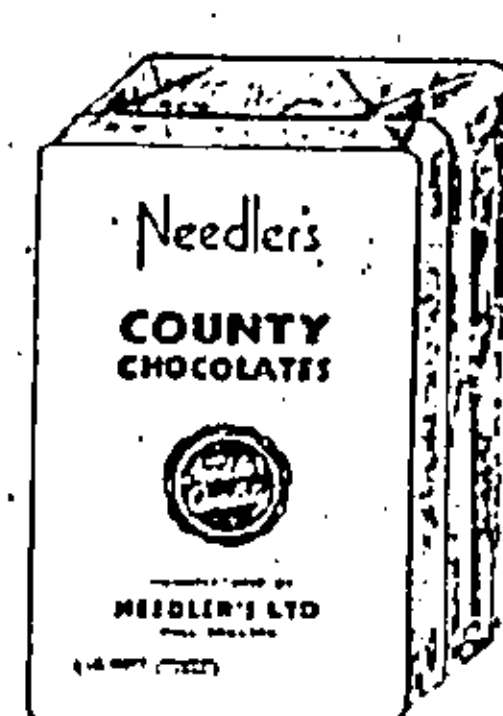
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Evacuation For 13,000 Arranged

San Francisco, December 18. Aerial evacuation of 13,000 European and White Russians from war torn China was arranged yesterday under a UN sponsored contract with Trans-Ocean Air Lines.

An airline spokesman said the evacuees would be flown from Shanghai to Manila and other West Pacific Islands.

The contract was arranged by General Walter Wood, a representative of the United Nations International Refugee Organisation.

The operation will take about a month, the airline said, and will be carried out by 10 planes. Two of the 50 passenger four-engine planes left here on Thursday for Shanghai. About 150 Trans-Ocean ground personnel will fly to Shanghai to direct operations. Douglas Johnson, airline Vice President, is in Shanghai now making preparations. Associated Press.

Xmas Parties In Germany

Frankfurt, December 18. In the British zone of Germany Christmas parties for German and DP children are being planned like a military operation. From previous experience the British have found that the children of military Government employees, who usually are among the better-off Germans, were invited, while kids in genuine want were neglected.

So this year the British are surveying the child population to determine who needs help the most before issuing invitations. Children at their parties will get cakes, Christmas pudding, sweets, and oranges, donated from the slender British ration.

Bombing-looking British males are reported to be going into hiding to avoid nomination for the job of Santa Claus. Associated Press.

SCAP Mail Serves As Political Weathercock

Washington, December 18. The United States Army is watching the flow of mail to General MacArthur as one way to tell which way the Japanese political winds are blowing—and it sees clear weather ahead.

The inference drawn from the new complexity of the 1,000 or more letters going to the Allied Supreme Commander daily is that the Japanese people have successfully completed their first three years' apprenticeship in Democratic ways.

The bulk of current correspondence reflects the increasing optimism with which the common man in Japan is facing the future. It is he who has written to MacArthur on a man-to-man basis and said:

"We would like to make our country the symbol of peace and culture. We believe it possible and we desire you to lead us so that our hope and endeavour for a brilliant future should be realized."

The letters come from all parts of Japan.

Now Signed

At first they were cautiously written. The Japanese were taking no chances with the new freedom of expression that the American authorities told them they could enjoy.

Mostly they were tributes to MacArthur, the American forces and occupation policies. Most were unsigned, further indicating the writer distinctly did not wish to draw the spotlight upon himself.

Today these letters are signed and discuss virtually all problems facing Japan. Associated Press.



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Washington, December 18.

The United States is building up Japan as a bulwark of its Pacific defence line against Communism, it was disclosed today.

An informed source said this course was deemed advisable by diplomatic and military leaders as the best way to cope with the recent Communist advances in China.

The Japanese Economic Information Programme announced yesterday by the Army and State Department was in line with the new policy of bolstering Japan.

General Douglas MacArthur was ordered to direct the Japanese to achieve economic stability as rapidly as possible. Japan was instructed to put into effect a nine-point economic programme to combat inflation and speed recovery.

At present the country is costing the American taxpayers some US\$1,000,000,000 a year to support. The Government announced limited United States funds for Japan might be cut if the reforms failed.

While economic recovery was listed as the primary aim of the drastic programme, officials said it was a move to protect Japanese interests on behalf of their strategic interests and those of the United States.

Not A Springboard

If China falls to the Communists, it was pointed out, Japan would be the anti-Communist outpost of a line running from the Soviet-controlled Kurile Islands in the North through South Korea, Okinawa, Formosa and the Philippines.

The authorities emphasized that Japan would not be built up economically or militarily as any possible springboard of American aggression in the Far East. The present strategy, they explained carefully, is to keep Japan defence against Communism—nothing more.

In line with this new official thinking, the United States is expected to call for a larger Japanese police force, gradually remove as many controls on the Government as possible and relax United States occupation policies. But, it was said, there

Stolen Chinese Art To Return

Tokyo, December 18. General MacArthur's headquarters today ordered the Japanese Government to return to the Chinese numerous art objects taken from China by Japanese troops and now in the museum at Kyoto, Japan.

The Japanese have been ordered to package the objects, which range from a rice bowl to coins and Buddhist images, and take them to Kobe to be put aboard the s.s. Hai Liao to sail on January 5.—United Press.

NURSING SERVICES TO BE ROYAL

London, December 19. The King has intimated that as soon as the Army and Air Force (Women's Service) Act has been brought into operation he will be pleased to constitute the existing army nursing services—namely, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and its reserve and the Territorial Army Nursing Service—corps of the army with the title of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.

This was stated in a written parliamentary reply by Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the Secretary of War.—Reuter.

Japanese Women Pivot Of Oriental Politics?

New York, December 19.

A Japanese newspaperman, one of the first to visit this country since the war, says the most important political influence in the future in the Orient will be the women of Japan.

The Japanese woman, patient, gentle, supremely graceful and charming, was among the world's most underprivileged beings under the old system.

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Very Conservative

The war and the occupation policies have ripped all this to pieces, said the newspaperman.

Japanese girls are demanding the right to marry men of their own choosing, discarding the old pattern of the arranged marriage. They have the vote now.

The newspaperman said that politically they are very conservative. If his analysis is correct, Japanese women may turn this country into a valuable American political ally.

The Communist challenge in China and elsewhere in the Orient, as it is unfolding today, would appear to accentuate this need.

From every point of view, Japan was the most modern and certainly the strongest country in the Far East before the war. The motor block of her industrial machine is still available. She can be assisted back to her former position.

As a Far Eastern bulwark against Communism, the Japanese probably could offset the influence of a Communist China. Associated Press.

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"TUBADANE" from Macassar to Japan 24th December	to Japan 26th Dec.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

ECA AWAITS OFFICIAL POLICY FOR RED-CONTROLLED AREAS

Shanghai, December 19.

There will be no further operations on the part of the Economic Co-operation Administration in Red-dominated areas in China until the entire problem of the relations of the United States and the Chinese Communists is reviewed by the State Department and a policy making decision is made in Washington, an ECA official told the United Press today.

TARAWA ON GOODWILL TOUR

Washington, December 18. The Navy today announced that the aircraft carrier, Tarawa, and the destroyers, D. J. Buckley and Hawkins, homeward bound from the Far East will make a goodwill tour.

The vessels which were scheduled to arrive for a five-day visit to Singapore today will call at Ceylon on December 20 and at Durban, South Africa, on January 4. They will enter the Mediterranean on January 21 via Suez Canal. It is expected that the ships will remain several weeks at Mediterranean ports.

The Navy said the vessels are using this plan in line with the present policy of making goodwill tours for foreign ports and giving the shipboard personnel an opportunity to visit foreign countries and acquire experience in operations in distant areas.—United Press.

Turko-German Trade Agreement

Frankfurt, December 18. A US\$75,000,000 trade agreement between Turkey and the three Western zones of Germany was announced today by the Joint Export and Import Agency here.

The pact is accompanied by a payment agreement within the inter-European payments scheme. The agreement covers the period until the end of June, 1949 and will then automatically be renewed for a further year unless two months notice is given by either side.

Turkey will principally send tobacco, raw cotton, metallic ores and concentrates, chemical preparations, dried fruits, oilseed and bolls and will receive inter-alia industrial and agricultural machinery, electrical apparatus, locomotives, motor vehicles, textiles and industrial chemicals.—Reuter.

Jardine's Contract

Shortly after the ECA began work in China and after the technical mission under Mr. Charles L. Sullivan made recommendations, an engineering contract for US\$1,000,000 reclamation of the Kailan mines was let to Jardine Matheson Ltd.

The ECA source said that pre-project engineering work in Kailan was completed by Jardine Matheson. As far as blueprints are concerned, work can start anytime if the green light is given. But it will be the State Department alone giving the signal to Kailan. The work would involve the replacement of worn-out machinery, war-damaged equipment, prevention of flooding, tunnels, etc.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, December 18. Trading remained narrow in slow dealings with tax selling—which is expected to continue at least for another week—and other offerings, balanced by short-covering and replacement buying.

Changes either way barely touched one point and appeared very evenly divided with most group tendencies again vague.

The composite average rate finished a shade lower and the market closed irregular.—Reuter.

RELATIVES GO TO SOLDIER'S BEDSIDE

London, December 18. Sergeant Knill of the 8th Hussars, left Northolt Airport today in a military plane for Hamburg, where he was being met by a car and taken to the bedside of his brother, Private C. Knill, who was shot by a Russian soldier in the Berlin zone incident this week.

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LONDON MONEY MARKET REVIEW

London, December 18. The Bank of England return showed the largest expansion in active note circulation on record. An increase of nearly £27,000,000 was recorded and was due to heavy Christmas spending.

With this record outflow and with some of the banks paying for large amounts of Treasury deposit receipts, there has been a scramble for credit in London's money market during the latter part of this week.

Facilities, conditions were comfortable with some balances unutilized but the position deteriorated as the week advanced and was necessary with many houses under pressure.

Trading in discounts was small but some transactions were reported in February and March dates.

Applications for £170,000,000 Treasury bills totalling £271,410,000 of which £170,000,000 was allotted at an average rate of 10 shillings and 4.30 pence per cent.—Reuter.

China Crisis Complicates U.S.-Jap Recovery Plan

Washington, December 19.

The American four-year plan for Japan's recovery may take eight years to succeed. American officials were reported on Saturday evening around to such a view unless the East-West global struggle eases. They blame the march of Communism in China and Japan's own internal troubles.

The prospective response of the State and Army departments is a request to Congress next month for increased funds to speed up the Japanese trade and industry.

Coupled with this is a policy of exerting vigorous pressure by General Douglas MacArthur, as Supreme Commander in Japan to require the Japanese to fight inflation and step up their production.

China Crisis

This outline of official intentions was given following Friday's announcement of a formal United States order to the Tokyo Government to impose promptly a rough new system of control on the Japanese economy no matter how painful it may be.

The China crisis is blamed for adding to American-Japanese difficulty in several ways.

It has added to the Japanese unrest, reduced further what was once a major market for exports, and clouded prospects that the Japanese steel industry can again get coking coal and iron from Communist-held mines on the Asiatic mainland. American coal now is being shipped at heavy expense from as far away as Hampton Roads, Virginia, to keep the steel mills going. They are turning out about 1,500,000 tons a year, one fifth of the wartime peak.

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SILVERHILL (R.L.L.) ex-U.S.A.	
LAKELAND VICTORY (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	
ATREIS (H. & S.) ex-United Kingdom	
BENARIE (Gillman) ex-United Kingdom	
BENARIE (Lorley) ex-United Kingdom	

TOMORROW

IVAN YANG (H. & S.) ex-Singapore	
BOUJAN (Mac. Mac.) ex-Shanghai and Japan	
TUTJALONGKA (R.L.L.) ex-Amoy	
FOO YU (H. & S.) ex-Japan	

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GHEN DAY VICTORY (U.S.L.)	27

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STEELE MAKER (Gillman) ex-Atlantic Coast	15
TONGHAI (Hama) ex-Atlantic Coast	15
FERNMOOR (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast	15
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LAKELAND VICTORY (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	30
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WING SANG (Jardine) ex-Shanghai	24
WOSANG (Jardine) ex-Shanghai	24
SIDHANA (B.L.) ex-Shanghai	23
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ATREIS (H. & S.) ex-U.K.	20
BENARIE (Gillman) ex-Europe	20
BENARIE (Lorley) ex-U.K.	20
BENLOMOND (Lorley) ex-U.K.	20
BENLOMOND (Lorley) ex-U.K.	20
CHONLAND (M.M.) ex-Europe	20
KORSA (P.A. Co.) ex-Europe	20
SOUDAN (P. & O.) ex-Europe	20

JATANA (Gillman) ex-Europe

BRECONSHIRE (Jardine) ex-U.K.	20
BENVRACKIE (Lorley) ex-U.K.	20
BENLOMOND (Lorley) ex-U.K.	20
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CHONLAND (M.M.) ex-Europe	20
KORSA (P.A. Co.) ex-Europe	20
SOUDAN (P. & O.) ex-Europe	20

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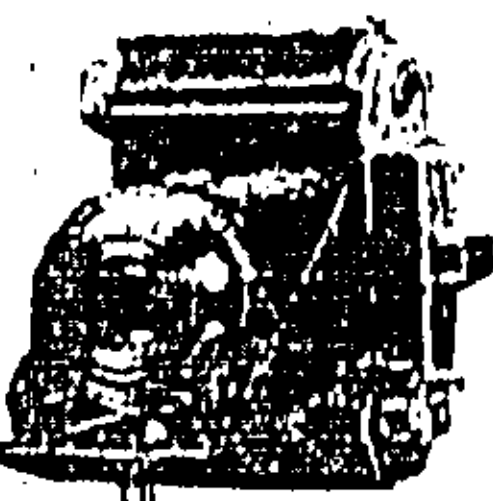
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S. CHINA 'A' EDGE OUT SAINTS; NAVY BEATEN

South China "A" successfully defended their unbeaten record in the First Division of the Hong Kong Football League when they beat St. Joseph's by four goals to three at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Kwong Wah, who were at the bottom of the League when they took the field against Eastern, caused the biggest upset of the week-end, by scoring a well merited victory over their opponents, whom they beat by two clear goals at Boundary Street.

At Causeway Bay, Royal Navy went down to Chinese A.A., by one goal to nil in an exciting and cleanly contested game.

Army HK also closed an upset in the Junior Division by defeating South China by three goals to two.

S. China "A" 4— St. Joseph's 3

The Saints had only themselves to blame for losing this game. Playing against 10 men the Yung-tung, who were in the early stages of the game, and against time later, they never made use of their opportunities.

On the other hand, the winners were totally neglected, the ball being continuously sent to Pereira at centre, who was too well watched by the Chinese defenders to be of any danger.

Leonard was undoubtedly the best player on view. Time after time he saved the situation with his clever tackling and proved to be the mainstay of the Saints defence. He was ably supported by Hui King-sung and Rocha, the backs, especially the former, who at times was so thoroughly disconcerted with the forwards that he advanced well into Chinese territory to lend a hand with the attacks. He was responsible for one of Saints' goals.

The Chinese team played well to a man, outstanding of whom were: Tse Kam-hung and Chung Kam-hoi.

Two minutes from the kick-off, South China were awarded a penalty after Tse was brought down heavily by Rocha and Lau Chung-sung converted easily, giving Brown no chance.

Shocked by this piece of bad luck, the Saints swarmed into the attack and after a clever opening was effected by Pereira, Castillo received the ball and stung Yue with a terrific shot.

South China came back into the attack and Leonard was brought into service, repeatedly to ward them off. Receiving a great pass, he centred for Lau to toe Brown with a terrific shot which the latter pushed over the bar in grand style.

Over the other end, Gomes left a stinger which goalkeeper Yue just managed to hold. This was followed by several worth threats by the Saints which were broken up before they got dangerous.

With the game 20 minutes old, Pereira was fouled by Sung inside the area and from the resultant penalty, Gomes scored, but not before the ball hit the right upright and again the left before entering the net.

The Chinese continued to press and in a scramble with Leonard, Hui Ying-tun slipped and dislocated his elbow necessitating his removal from the field for the remainder of the game.

Playing with 10 men, the Chinese continued to press and Brown was called into action repeatedly and acquitted himself well. He executed a remarkable save when one of his defenders miskicked and the ball was heading into his own goal.

Saints in Lead
Before long, Gomes put the Saints into the lead with a shot at close range. This same player had the misfortune to lose a few minutes later to handle the ball and South China were awarded their second penalty, which Chu Wing-keung converted, to bring them on equal terms.

Just before the interval, Rum-fah handled the ball just outside the penalty area and St. Joseph's had the bad luck to lose two successive goals through handling.

On the resumption, the Saints attacked and Pereira was unlucky when, after some clever dribbling he sent in a fine angle shot which Yue managed to push round the upright for a corner.

South China's onslaught resumed and the defenders were subjected to a gruelling time. Brown who was playing a faultless game between the sticks made one total mistake when he fumbled a ground shot from 25 yards by Cheng and the Saints were down 4-2.

Not long afterwards, Tse Kam-ho was off the field, but this did not stop the Chinese nine-man team, which continued to force the pace.

They then reached fever pitch as the Saints, tried to force the issue but by this time their forwards were tired out and just could not get going.

With 15 minutes to go, Castillo netted and reduced the score to

4-3 which stood thus till the referee blew his final whistle. South China "A": Yue Yung-tung, Hui King-sung, Tse Kam-hung, Chung Shing-ling, Soong King-sung, Lau Chung-sung, Hui Ying-tun, Chu Wing-keung and Tse Kam-ho. St. Joseph's: Brown, Rocha and Hui King-sung, Rum-fah, Leonard and Santos, Xavier, Gomes, Pereira, Castillo and Onan.

Royal Navy 0— Chinese AA 1

The sailors had most of the play and stormed the Athletic club with scant regard for reputation and had the ball run in their favour Chinese AA would have lost by a wide margin.

Failure at centre-forward was shadowed throughout the game by slow centre-wing and right half, who were well for the Athletic defensive efforts. The game was played at a very fast pace throughout and both sides must have welcomed the final whistle.

For the Athletic, Mow stood out at centre half and the fact that the Navy forwards were well watched by the Athletic defensive efforts. The game was played at a very fast pace throughout and both sides must have welcomed the final whistle.

Chung Moon-wing was the first forward to strike at goal and he drove in a fine drive that Beer held and cleared to midfield, where an attack from the sailors developed.

Rafferty was put through, but Yue Kai-yun advanced and put the centre forward off, with the ball he fired a rising shot over the bar.

Then came a period of Navy pressure and the Royal Blues tried with every trick they knew, but each time they came they were repulsed. Clarke was given a greater pass by Holloway, who was forced to turn, while it seemed he should have centred the ball.

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Clarke, who took the kicks, seemed at fault by sending the ball too close to the line and on three occasions occasions he sent it straight out of play.

The Athletic did not let the Navy have all the say and in one raid Chung Moon-wing centred a ball, only to see his forwards well back. Then came their goal. It was one of the goals that are scored when they are least expected.

As the ball came to Lo Wah-shing, he drove it at Beer, who could only block the shot and as the ball came loose, the centre forward was able to put it over the line just before half time.

Although a goal down, the sailors went straight into the attack and Higgs was unfortunate when he drove his foot into the ground instead of hitting the ball. Mummery set the torch to a good movement and all the ball to Wood, who got well away but Yue Kai-yun was there and saved.

Another anxious moment came when Holloway got hold of a loose ball and made ground before sending it over into the centre where Rafferty's head just failed to connect.

In another spell of pressure the Navy gained a number of corners, but again Clarke failed to send over a ball that his forwards could make use of. In the last few minutes the sailors redoubled their efforts but it was of no avail and the score remained unchanged.

Royal Navy: Tozer, Convery, Rowlands, Dabbings, Holloway, Wood, Manning, Rafferty, Higgs and Clarke.

C.A.A.: Yue Kai-yun, Chung Kam-hoi, Li Ping-nam, Chung Kam-ping, Mow Chung-wing, Leong Ping-nam, Kwok Cheuk-chung, Liu Chu-ping, Lo Wah-sing, Ho Yau-free and Chung Moon-wing.

Kwong Wah 2—Eastern 0
Kwong Wah took the initiative from the start and carried out a number of raids on the Eastern goal.

Following a number of well-executed movements, Kwong Wah took the lead in the sixth minute when Lau Wai-man sent in a

4-3 which stood thus till the referee blew his final whistle. South China "A": Yue Yung-tung, Hui King-sung, Tse Kam-hung, Chung Shing-ling, Soong King-sung, Lau Chung-sung, Hui Ying-tun, Chu Wing-keung and Tse Kam-ho. St. Joseph's: Brown, Rocha and Hui King-sung, Rum-fah, Leonard and Santos, Xavier, Gomes, Pereira, Castillo and Onan.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION

S. China "A" 4 St. Joseph's 3
 Royal Navy 0 Chinese A.A. 1
 Kwong Wah 2 Eastern 0

SECOND DIVISION

Army HK 3 South China 2
 Kit Chee 5 W.D. Chinese 1
 Tramways 3 Taikeo 2
 Chinese A.A. 7 Solicitors 3

week shot which was allowed to enter the net through a misunderstanding on the part of the Eastern defence.

Thwarted by this early success, the Kwong Wah players threw themselves heart and soul into the game. Their forwards proved to be a lively combination and their incisive thrusts were of great concern to the Eastern defenders, who were given a gruelling time.

Kwong Wah's persistent attacks eventually bore fruit in the 25th minute, when Lau Tak-fook passed the ball to Law Tak-hing on the opposite wing for the latter to beat Leung with a neat shot.

Eastern tried hard to reduce the lead of their opponents, but at half time had still to open their account.

Eastern re-shuffled their line-up in the second half in an attempt to change the fortunes of the game.

The forwards tried hard to break through the Kwong Wah defence, but were unable to do so. The Kwong Wah players were giving a grand display and having gained a two clear goal lead, were determined to hold on to this advantage and to record their first win of the season.

The Eastern attacks were thrown back time and again by a resolute defence and the final whistle came with Kwong Wah as worthy winners of a hard fought game.

Kwong Wah: Tsin Yoon-chuk, Leung Kwok-fu, Leung Pak-wai, Wong Chi-wan, Leung Fook-chung, Ng Kow-kyong, Lau Tak-fook, Lau Wai-nam, Ng Yung-wei, Kwok Man-tung, Law Tak-hing.

Eastern: Leung Ting-tong, Tang Tai-chuen, Kong Shing-king, Lai Ki-kyong, Lam Tak-pui, Lee Tung-kee, Lau Fook-chuen, Wong Hui-hau, Yuen Fu-lan, Leung Wing-kyong.

"Needle Match" Refereeing Hopeless

Spectators who turned up in their thousands at Caroline Hill yesterday in the hope of seeing an epic soccer match between South China "A" and St. Joseph's were sorely disappointed.

The game, which was expected to be the best of the season, turned out to be a complete farce, not because the players were at fault, but because the referee in charge was hopeless in his decisions and in the handling of the game.

The decisions of the referee, it can be safely said, not only completely put the players off their game, but flogged and misguided the majority of spectators, Chinese and foreigners alike.

The sending off of the Kim-ho, the South China right-winger, led to an ugly scene, particularly when certain South China officials started waving frantically to their players to leave the field. Fortunately, the players kept their heads and carried on with the game.

As it was well known that the meeting between South China "A" and St. Joseph's would prove to be a "needle match" it is difficult to understand why those in charge of the appointment of referees did not carry out the following recommendation of the Committee of Seven, which was accepted by the HKFA:

"In the appointment of referees, factors other than the ability to officiate at a game should be taken into consideration: factors such as temperament, tact, etc."

SCHOOL FOOTBALL RESULTS
 The following are the results of yesterday's School Football games:

SENIOR DIVISION

Taikeo 1 La Salle 2
 E.H. Kadourie 0 St. Joseph's 3

JUNIOR DIVISION (Kowloon)

Yau-mai (AM) 1 La Salle 1

JUNIOR DIVISION (Hong Kong)

A-Chinese (AM) 1 Queen's 0
 E. Kadourie (AM) 2 Wah Yan 2

Govt. Vernacular 1 St. Joseph's 2

A friendly cricket match between Craigengower and H.Q. Land Forces at Happy Valley yesterday resulted in a win for Craigengower by the narrow margin of six runs.

Craigengower had first lease of the wicket and knocked off 153 runs, to which H.Q. Choy contributed 48 before being run out.

Leadership Changes In First Division; Newcastle On Top

London, December 18.

A change of leadership in Division I of the Football League occurred today when Derby County, unbeaten in ten previous games, crashed against Manchester United, the Cup holders.

Newcastle, meanwhile, won and so took over the leadership, while Portsmouth also rose above Derby, now third, by superior goal average. This was one of the outstanding happenings of the day's programme, which also saw four second round Cup re-plays settled.

Walthamstow Avenue, the last hope of the amateur ranks, failed to survive their replay with Oldham, but two minor surprises came with the victories of Hull and Southampton, who had been held to draws when at home last week, but now won on their opponents' grounds.

A newcomer was introduced to First Division football when Albert Lyndhurst, the 18-year-old South African, appeared in goal for Charlton. He had conceded only one goal in eight games for Charlton Reserves and played a grand game today, being beaten only by surprise header during a tussle near the Charlton's goal. Thereafter, he played his part nobly in stemming the vain efforts of Stoke.

Positions Change
 A hat-trick by Rooke helped Arsenal to defeat Huddersfield, who are now at the foot of the table. Aston Villa, who were there, escaped by means of a credible draw at Liverpool, where the Villa played their new £17,000 star, Ivor Powell.

Sheffield United also drew away from the relegation zone by easily winning at Blackpool. Leadership in the other League remained unaltered. West Bromwich consolidated their position in Division II, while Tottenham, unable to strike winning form away from home, faltered, and allowed

Southampton to head them for second place to West Bromwich. Lincoln, who are struggling at the foot of League II, surprised West Ham by getting the odd goal in seven, after scoring from the penalty spot in the first minute. Then burly Jack Dodds registered a hat-trick, but West Ham were without their goalkeeper after he had been carried off the field injured ten minutes before half-time.

Swansea and Bournemouth, the two main promotion aspirants in League III South, sustained surprising defeats, Swansea conceding four goals to lowly Watford, while Bournemouth provided Newport with their first away victory of the season.

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South African XI In Bad Position In Test

Durban, December 18.

Twelve wickets fell for only 199 runs in the first cricket Test match between South Africa and England here today, and South Africa finished in a bad position.

Collapsing against some good spin bowling on a rain damaged wicket, England were all out for 253, but they gained a first innings' lead of 92.

South Africa, who were dismissed for 141 in their first knock, had lost four second innings wickets for 90 and were still two runs behind when bad light stopped play 35 minutes before time. The match ends on Monday.

BOWLING

McCarthy 9 2 20 0
 Dawson 3 2 10 0
 Tuckett 0 0 30 0
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Fine Bowling

Denis Compton was the only English batsman to defy the combination of left and right arm spin bowling by Norman Mann and Athol Rowan on a tricky wicket today. He played a masterly innings for three and a half hours and was ninth out for 72.

Mann and Rowan took all of England's first innings wickets between them and all the batsmen were caught. Mann, who took the last four wickets for 14 runs after lunch, finished with six for 59.

Rowan's good length off-breaks earned him four for 33 today, and his figures for the innings were four for 108.

The South African batsmen were also unhappy on the pitch which appeared to be crumbling and their opening pair, Eric Rowan and Owen Wynne, were back in the pavilion with only 22 runs on the board.

Douglas Wright then had the satisfaction of clean bowling Bruce Mitchell, one of the finest defensive batsmen in the world, and he took two South African second innings wickets for 24 before play ended. The other batsman out today was South Africa's captain, Dudley Nourse.

The scoreboard at the close of play today was:
 South Africa 1st innings 101
 2nd innings 90
 England 1st innings 253
 Hutton c McCarthy b A. Rowan 83
 Washbrook c Wade b Mann 35
 Simpson c Begbie b Mann 5
 Compton c Wade b Mann 72
 Atkinson c Nourse b A. Rowan 19
 Mann c Rowan b A. Rowan 18
 Evans c Wynne b A. Rowan 10
 Jenkins c Mitchell b Mann 11
 Bader c Tuckett b Mann 11
 Gladwin not out 0
 Wright c Tuckett b Mann 0
 Extras 14
 Total 253

SINGAPORE BEAT CONFUCIAN CLUB

At the Confucian Club in Simpson's Road last night the Singapore Table Tennis team defeated the Confucian Club by 4 games to 1.

Two games will be played at the Chinese YMCA in Bridges Street, commencing at 7 p.m. tonight.

The first game will be between the Singapore Team and the Hong Kong Combined Team, following which the Ol Lun Club will meet Kitcher.

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